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               FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
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   UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
                                    Criminal Action
                                    No. 1:20CR208-1
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                                    Durham, North Carolina
   VS.
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   ALEXANDER HILLEL TREISMAN,
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          Defendant.
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               PROCEEDINGS TAKEN FROM AN AUDIO RECORDING
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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 (Defendant was present.) 3 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM AN AUDIO RECORDING.) 5 MR. PRINCIPE: The next matter is Alexander Hillel 6 Treisman, 1:20CR208-1. He is represented by Samuel Randall and 7 also represented by Laura Cobb. 8 Your Honor, the matter is on for an arraignment on a 9 superseding indictment, as well as a detention hearing. 10 THE COURT: All right. Good morning, Mr. Randall, and, Ms. Cobb --11 12 MS. COBB: Yes, Your Honor. Good morning. 13 THE COURT: And Mr. Treisman, good morning. 14 Counsel, have you all had the opportunity to review 15 the indictment with your client? 16 MR. RANDALL: Yes, Your Honor. Both the indictment 17 and the superseding indictment. 18 THE COURT: And the superseding indictment. Have you 19 explained the nature of the charges to your client, and do believe that he understands the nature of these charges and the 20 21 penalties that could apply to him? 22 MR. RANDALL: Yes, Your Honor. 23 THE COURT: Mr. Treisman. 24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 25 THE COURT: Your counsel has indicated to me that he

explained the indictment, superseding indictment to you, and that you understand the nature of the charges and penalties 3 that could apply to them. Is that correct? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, it is, Your Honor. 4 5 THE COURT: All right. 6 Counsel, how does your client plead? 7 MR. RANDALL: At this time, he intends to plead not 8 guilty. 9 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated. 10 Are you ready to proceed with the detention hearing? MR. RANDALL: We are, Your Honor. Just as a 11 housekeeping matter, I think that the computer system had 12 13 automatically set a court date for Monday for arraignment on \parallel the superseding indictment. I just wanted to point that out to 15 the Court. 16 MR. PRINCIPE: That is correct, Your Honor. It is my 17 understanding, that because the case originated with a complaint, when the superseding indictment issued, there was a Inotice that went out. Our collective understanding was that we 19 would address the arraignment here today. 20 21 THE COURT: All right. Yes, sir. 22 Is there anything else that needs to be addressed 23 about the arraignment? 24 MR. RANDALL: No, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

1 All right. You may call your witness.

MR. PRINCIPE: Thank you, Your Honor. Government would first call Special Agent Aaron Seres.

(SPECIAL AGENT AARON SERES, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, WAS

5 **SWORN**.)

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. PRINCIPE:

- Q. I apologize, I might have mispronounced your name. Can you please state our full name for the Court.
- 10 A. Aaron Seres.
- 11 Q. And what is your current position?
- 12 A. I'm currently an Assistant Inspector Special Agent with the FBI in Washington, D.C.
- 14 Q. Okay. And did you recently change positions?
- 15 **A.** I did.
- 16 \mathbb{Q} . And what was your position in May of 2020?
- 17 A. As of May of 2020, I was a Special Agent in the Charlotte
- 18 FBI Division on the Violent Crimes Against Children, Human
- 19 Trafficking, and Civil Rights Squad in Charlotte, North
- 20 Carolina.
- 21 Q. Do you have a background investigating cases involving
- 22 | child pornography?
- 23 A. I have experience investigating cases in child pornography
- 24 through my squad assignment, yes.
- 25 \mathbf{Q} . Did you become involved in an investigation that later

1 resulted in the indictment of Mr. Alexander Hillel Treisman,

- 2 \parallel for violation of possession of child pornography,
- 3 \parallel transportation of child pornography, in a superseding
- $4 \parallel$ indictment in 1:20CR208-1?
 - A. Yes, I did.

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- 6 Q. Can you tell the Court how you first became involved in that investigation?
- 8 A. Sure. I'm going to refer to some of my notes as I go through, if that's okay.

In May of 2020, 28th, the Kannapolis Police

Department in Kannapolis, North Carolina, responded to a call

where they took into possession a vehicle in Kannapolis, coming

back to Mr. Treisman, which was located in the parking lot at

Fifth Third Bank.

The KPD officers identified the abandoned vehicle as a white van bearing a California license plate. Ran the plate and the VIN, and looking into the windows, identified weapons and other items located in the van.

The vehicle was opened. They took into possession the van, which included several firearms, books about survival, about making improvised weapons, large amount of cash banded in sealed bags, estimated in hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Kannapolis PD took that vehicle into possession, which was abandoned at the Fifth Third Bank.

Subsequently, on May the 28th, 2020, Mr. Treisman

- returned to the bank location in a green Honda vehicle. KPD officers were again called, responded to the scene where they engaged with Mr. Treisman, who was taken into custody by the KPD officers, and also his Honda Accord, which he was driving at the time, was taken into custody by KPD, which had
- 7 Q. Let me stop you for a second, and just back-up and make 8 sure I understand everything.
- Did bank employees first initiate contact with
 Wannapolis Police Department?

electronic devices in it, and handguns as well.

- 11 A. Yes. That's my understanding.
- 12 **Q.** And that is a bank branch that was in Cabarrus County, 13 North Carolina, Middle District of North Carolina?
- 14 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- 15 **Q.** Is it accurate that they had asked KPD to tow the vehicle because they believed it to have been abandoned there in the
- 17 parking lot?
- 18 A. Yes, sir. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Was the initial search conducted under an inventory search
- 20 because they were going to tow the vehicle?
- 21 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Is it also accurate that the same bank employees contacted
- 23 KPD when Mr. Treisman showed back up at the bank branch
- 24 inquiring about the van?
- 25 A. Employees from the bank contacted KPD.

- Q. Can you tell the Court specifically what firearms were located in the van and then in his Honda?
- 3 A. Sure. So located in the van was a Sig Sauer, serial number 20J041880.

An Intratec 9mm Luger, model Tech PC-9, serial number 6 D125073.

A lower receiver, Anderson Manufacturing Model AM-15, mutli-caliber, serial number 16195421.

Kel-Tec Sub-2000, serial number FTC43.

A rifle marked Archangel, possibly a Ruger 22 caliber, serial number 25920969.

A Russian Mosin, M9130 Bull Dash rifle, serial number RMN042789.

- Q. During the inventory search of the van, you mentioned that some materials were found inside of the van.
- 16 A. Yes. That's correct.
- Q. Can you tell the Court a little bit more about the written materials inside the van?
- 19 **A.** Books.

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- 20 Q. Book or written materials?
- 21 A. Yes. Let me refer to my notes, please.
- Located in the vehicle were several books. There was
- a book on survival, bomb making, improvised weapons and on
- 24 Islam.
- 25 Q. You also mentioned there was a large quantity of U.S.

- 1 currency in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- 2 A. Yes. That's correct.
- 3 Q. Do you know if any investigator ever determined the source
- 4 of that money?
- 5 **A.** Yes. Agents with the FBI determined that the money was
- 6 from a sizable inheritance Mr. Treisman had received, and was
- 7 withdrawn in cash on or about January 2020, in a bank in Long
- 8 Beach, California.
- 9 \mathbf{Q} . Okay. Was there any potentially explosive materials in
- 10 the van during the inventory search?
- 11 A. If I remember correctly, if my recall is right, there was
- 12 a canister of Tannerite, along with ammunition located in the
- 13 | van.
- 14 Q. Can you tell the Court what Tannerite is?
- 15 A. It is a binary explosive device often used by target
- 16 | shooters. Generally popular because it produces a loud bang,
- 17 and smoke (indecipherable) by a bullet.
- 18 $\|Q$. And it is lawful to possess that, right?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. And is it a device or explosive material?
- 21 A. It is an explosive material.
- 22 Q. Okay. Can you tell the Court what specifically was found
- 23 inside of the Honda Accord in terms of firearms?
- 24 A. Sure. Inside of the Honda vehicle, the officers
- 25 lidentified a firearm as a Taurus Spectrum 380 caliber, serial

number 1F039977.

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A second firearm inside a clothes hamper, Intratec 9mm Luger, serial number 80550018.

- Is it correct that one of those firearms was concealed inside of the hamper?
- 6 That's correct.
- Was Mr. Treisman's wallet found inside the vehicle? 7
- Yes. In a cup-holder between the seats in the Honda \parallel vehicle, they also located Mr. Treisman's wallet. In addition,
- \parallel the wallet contained several items, including a photograph of
- Treisman and a drivers license from Washington --
- | identification card from Washington. A California Drivers
- License. A Florida Drivers License. So two licenses, one
- lidentification card.
- 15 Okay. Was the Washington identification card in the name
- of Alexander Hillel Treisman?
- 17 Yes, it was.
- What date of birth was associated with that ID?
- December 19, 2000. 19 **A**.
- 20 Was the State of California Drivers License also in the
- I name of Alexander Hillel Treisman?
- 22 It was. Also a date of December 19, 2000, date of birth. lΙΑ.
- 23 What about the Florida Drivers License, was that in the
- 24 same name?
- 25 It was not.

- 1 Q. What name was it in?
- 2 A. Alexander S. Theiss, T-H-E-I-S-S.
- 3 \mathbf{Q} . What was the date of birth on that license?
 - A. Date of birth, March 29th, 1995.
- $5 \, \| \, \mathbf{Q}$. Whose photograph was on that license?
- 6 A. Mr. Treisman.
- 7 Q. Was that a true license issued by the State of Florida?
- 8 A. It's my understanding, that the license itself is a
- 9 \parallel counterfeit. I can't speak to any further details on the
- 10 license.
- 11 Q. Was Mr. Treisman arrested by the Kannapolis Police
- 12 Department for carrying a concealed weapon?
- 13 A. Yes, he was.
- 14 Q. Was anything seized from his person at the time of his
- 15 | arrest?
- 16 A. A Samsung S9 cellular phone was seized from his person.
- 17 \mathbf{Q} . And where was it on his person?
- 18 A. I believe it was in his pocket on his person, but I'll
- 19 confirm, please.
- In the right front pant's pocket.
- 21 Q. Okay. At some point did the Kannapolis Police Department
- 22 \parallel reach out to the FBI and the Joint Terrorism Task Force in
- 23 Charlotte?
- 24 A. Yes, sir, they did.
- 25 \mathbf{Q} . Why did they do that?

- 1 A. The concern over the materials found in the van led them to contact the JTTF in regards to Mr. Treisman.
- 3 Q. Did those investigators go to meet up with the Kannapolis 4 Police Department officers?
- 5 A. Yes, they did.
- Q. Was Mr. Treisman interviewed by Kannapolis Police
 Department investigators on May 28, 2020, following his arrest?
 - A. Yes, he was.
- 9 \mathbf{Q} . Was he advised of his Miranda warnings?
- 10 A. Yes, he was.
- 11 Q. Did he waive those rights and agree to speak to
- 12 | investigators?
- 13 **A.** He did.

- Q. Can you tell the Court what information he provided to KPD
- 15 | investigators.
- 16 A. Mr. Treisman was asked about some hand drawings of
- 17 swasticas, planes crashing into buildings and other books found
- 18 in his van. Mr. Treisman conveyed to the interviewing officers
- 19 that he had an interest in terroristic incidents and mass
- 20 shootings and he conveyed that he had watched YouTube videos
- 21 and read PDF articles about such incidents.
- He conveyed that many of his friends recently stopped
- 23 interacting with him because of remarks and jokes he made in
- 24 reference to incidents such as mass shootings and the 911
- 25 terrorist attacks.

- 1 **Q.** Let me clarify something. Before you mentioned several
- 2 books and materials, but now you mentioned drawings of
- 3 swasticas and planes crashing into buildings. Were those also
- $4 \parallel$ found in the van?
- 5 \mathbf{A} . That's my understanding.
- $6 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. Following the interview that was conducted by the
- 7 Kannapolis Police Department, was an interview later conducted
- 8 by FBI investigators with the Joint Terrorism Task Force?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. When did that occur?
- 11 \blacksquare A. The next day.
- 12 Q. And can you tell the Court, was he also advised of his
- 13 Miranda warnings on an Advice of Rights form and waive his
- 14 | rights?
- 15 A. Yes. That's correct.
- 16 $\|Q$. Did he agree to talk to those investigators?
- 17 A. Yes, he did.
- 18 $\|Q$. What were those investigators interviewing him about?
- 19 **|| A.** They were specifically not there about the State charges.
- 20 | They were there to speak to him about potential terrorism.
- 21 Q. Okay. What did they ask him, and what information did he
- 22 provide at that time?
- 23 **A.** They asked him about his international travels.
- 24 \blacksquare Mr. Treisman initially denied traveling internationally. Later
- 25 he said he traveled to Canada with his mother.

He admitted he had an interest in terrorism and reads
Wikipedia articles on the subject.

He said he had lost friends because of his joking about the incidents such as 911. He said that he played video games, and he traveled across the country to various locations beginning in Seattle, moving on to Long Beach, California, and other locations where he had purchased some firearms.

- Q. Did he admit to obtaining the California Drivers License while staying for several weeks in Long Beach, California?
- 10 A. Yes, he did.

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- 11 **Q.** Did he indicate where or in which states that he had purchased firearms?
- 13 A. He had indicated that he stopped in Kansas and purchased two firearms. He also had traveled to New Hampshire and purchased a firearm.

Along the way, he had stopped in Missouri and visited an individual named Gunter, and he stopped in New York City to visit the 911 Memorial.

He continued his travel on to West Virginia, where he purchased another firearm and traveled through Virginia into North Carolina, where he stopped in Fayetteville and met with Mr. Gunter.

- Q. So he met up with the same person named Gunter who he had previously visited in St. Louis, Missouri?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. Where did they meet up at?
- 2 A. They met in Fayetteville and went to a firearms range,
- 3 Range 56.
 - Q. And are you familiar with Range 56?
- 5 A. Not personally, no.
- 6 Q. Did you receive some information about why they visited
- 7 Range 56?
- 8 A. Yes. To have firearms practice.
- 9 Q. Did Mr. Treisman confirm using any online aliases during
- 10∥that interview?
- 11 A. He did. He utilizes the alias Flippy Mapper on YouTube.
- 12∥It is F-L-I-P-P-Y M-A-P-P-E-R.
- 13 Q. Did the investigators also show Mr. Treisman a Reddit post
- 14 \parallel during that interview?
- 15 A. They did.
- 16 Q. Could you tell the Court about that?
- 17 A. Sure. It was a comment in Reddit on or about February of
- 18 \parallel 2020 by user AlextheBodacious. The conversation went such as,
- 19 | "How do I dox in Sub Rosa. I keep dying and being called a
- 20 \parallel pedo and want to kill people in real life about it. How can I
- 21 \parallel find the address of those I hate and execute them for their
- 22 || crimes?"
- 23 Q. And the reference to "pedo" there, did the investigators
- 24 have a view in terms of what that was in reference to?
- 25 A. Short term for pedophile.

- 1 \mathbf{Q} . What did Treisman say when confronted by this post?
- 2 \blacksquare A. In the interview with JTTF officers, he initially stated
- 3 he could not recall using the name of AlextheBodacious, or
- $4 \parallel$ posting the statement. He was asked again directly about it
- 5 subsequent in the interview about his user name of
- 6 AlextheBodacious, and he said and affirmatively nodded to that
- 7 question and stated he could not recall.
- 8 He was later asked what his intent was on the
- 9 statement in Reddit, and claiming he could not recall using
- 10 aliases. He replied, "for shock factor."
- 11 Q. So he stated that he made the post for shock factor, but
- 12 he had previously denied using that alias and making that
- 13 statement.
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. Did investigators identify any information about
- 16 Mr. Treisman associated with a U.S. Passport Application?
- 17 A. They did.
- 18 Q. What did they determine?
- 19 A. Our investigators determined that in a U.S. Passport
- 20 Application for Mr. Treisman, he listed an email address
- 21 AlextheBodacious@gmail.com.
- 22 Q. Was an Open Source search conducted on that email address?
- 23 **A.** It was.
- 24 \mathbf{Q} . And what was the result of that search?
- 25 A. At the time, the email address and prefix identified with

- $1 \, \blacksquare$ a Reddit account with that online alias.
 - Q. And what is Reddit?
- $3 \parallel A$. It is an online forum for posting and communication.
- 1 Q. Were investigators able to determine that Treisman used
- 5 the alias, AlextheBodacious on other platforms?
- 6 A. Yes, they did.

- 7 \mathbf{Q} . Could you give another example?
- 8 A. Sure. He used the same alias, Alexthebodacious,
- 9 Mr. Treisman, on a Steam gaming platform pursuant to
- 10 information received by an individual who interacted with him
- 11 on the platform.
- 12 Q. So that individual was interviewed by the FBI?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. Was that Shawn Adams?
- 15 **A.** Yes, it is.
- $16 \parallel Q$. Did the investigators also interview Mr. Treisman about
- 17 the firearms?
- 18 A. They did.
- 19 0. And what did he tell them?
- 20 A. Mr. Treisman stated that he had purchased the firearms in
- 21 \blacksquare New Hampshire through a seller he had met on ArmsList.com.
- 22 **Q.** Which firearm are we talking about?
- 23 **A.** This is for the Sig Sauer AR rifle.
- 24 **Q.** Okay.
- 25 A. Specifically, he stated he could not recall if he accessed

the website via cell or computer. He was pretty sure that the seller was a resident of New Hampshire.

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Mr. Treisman explained the scenario where he bought the weapon, stated he met the seller in the parking lot, purchased the rifle for \$800, and it was a 556 caliber rifle. He stated he could not recall the seller's name.

Treisman stated he was living in a hotel in New Hampshire during the purchase of this firearm. He stated he had bought this firearm in the past couple of weeks between California and the current date of the interview, which was believed to be March 2020, in terms of the timing of the purchase.

- Q. Okay. Did he explain anything about the Intratec 9 firearm?
- 15 A. In regards to the Intratec 9, Mr. Treisman was questioned
 16 and stated he had bought it off a Kansas Arms List as well. He
 17 stated he purchased the firearm loaded with a round in the
 18 chamber, and he bought it approximately last year or so. He
 19 did not recall the name of the individual. It was a guy he
 20 thought he bought it from.
- 21 **Q.** What did Mr. Treisman say about the Kel-Tec Sub-2000 firearm?
- A. In regards to the Kel-Tec, Mr. Treisman originally stated he bought the firearm in Kansas, and then he corrected the statement identifying that he had purchased this firearm from a

home-based federal firearms licensee in Seattle, Washington.

He told agents he bought some other guns in Kansas, but not this one. Treisman told agents that he had bought this firearm off Arms List, but through a federal firearms licensee, also known as FFL. Treisman stated he did a background check and everything and came back clear.

He was further asked about what identification was utilized to purchase this firearm, and he responded, he did not recall.

THE JTTF investigator asked if he utilized the Florida license that we discussed earlier. He responded, No, ∥not that I recall. When shown a copy of the Florida Treisman counterfeit photo drivers license and asked why he had different information about the purchase than the individual who sold it to him, Treisman told the agent he wasn't saying 16 that he didn't use the license, he just said he did not recall.

- Okay. Had JTTF investigators obtained a copy of an ATF form from that FFL dealer?
- 19 lΙΑ. Yes, they did.

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- 20 What did that form show?
- 21 The ATF form 473, lists the purchaser as Alexander, no middle name, Theiss, T-H-E-I-S-S, with a date of birth March 23 29, 1995.
- 24 And was that the same information that was on the -- you said counterfeit Florida Drivers License?

- 1 \blacksquare A. Yes, it was.
 - Q. What did Mr. Treisman say about the Taurus Spectrum
- 3 ∥pistol?
- 4 A. Mr. Treisman, in the same interview, stated he bought the
- 5 I firearm within the past couple weeks in West Virginia from a
- 6 seller he met on Arms List. He stated he thought it was brand
- 7 new because the seller sold it to him in the box with the
- 8 manual for \$200. He also could not recall the seller's name or
- 9 seller's handle on ArmsList.com.
- 10 Q. Did investigators later do an online search for aliases
- 11 \parallel resulting in the discovery of another Reddit post?
- 12 A. Yes, it did.
- 13 **Q.** Can you tell the Court about that?
- 14 A. An additional Reddit post by user AlextheBodacious, read
- 15 as follows, "Toolhead, more like narcissistic bitch who can't
- 16 take an insult (indecipherable) will die in the (inaudible) of
- 17 \parallel 25. First post in six months. But let me tell you, fuck,
- 18 Toolhead, I hate him. He dishes it out but he can't take him.
- 19 \parallel I called him a mouse furry and a wakey cuck, c-u-c-k, virgin,
- 20 and he banned me from his Mine Craft server. I'm shook. I
- 21 want to do a school shooting. What do I do?"
- 22 Q. Additionally, was an interview conducted with Shawn Adams?
- 23 A. Yes, sir, it was.
- 24 Q. Can you tell the Court about that?
- 25 **A.** Sure.

- 1 \parallel Q. When was that? Roughly when was that interview conducted?
- 2 **A.** Approximately May 30 of 2020.
- 3 Q. And where was that conducted?
 - A. It was conducted in the St. Louis Missouri area.
- $5 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. Was that by FBI agents from the St. Louis Division?
- 6 A. Yes. That's correct.

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- 7 \mathbf{Q} . And what did they find out from that interview?
- A. Adams described Mr. Treisman as an outcast who seemed to be driving around the country. He remained in contact with Treisman even though he stated he felt put off by Treisman's racist comments and apparent interest in mass shootings.
 - Treisman made many comments about, "hating niggers and talked of killing African-Americans." Treisman spoke about mass shootings in a positive way and seemed interested in past school shooters, such as those at Columbine.
- During the interview, Adams was able to access his cellular information and identified contact information, tag names and other information relative to his contacts with Mr. Treisman.
- 20 Q. Did he also provide a phone number for Mr. Treisman?
- 21 **A.** He did. He provided the contact phone number for
- Mr. Treisman as area code 206-293-0658, and the user name
- 23 | AlextheBodacious, from the Steam gaming website.
- 24 Q. Was that phone number later associated with the cell phone
- 25 \parallel that was seized from Mr. Treisman incident to arrest?

- 1 \blacksquare A. Yes, it was.
- 2 \mathbf{Q} . Did Mr. Adams say anything about visiting Mr. Treisman in
- 3 Los Angeles?
 - A. He did.
- $5 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. What did he tell the investigators?
- 6 A. He said that Mr. Treisman had paid for Mr. Adams to fly
- 7 out to Los Angeles, California. He spent a few days driving
- 8 around California and just spending time together, and
- 9 described Treisman as strange and made comments about shooting
- 10 homeless people, Mr. Treisman did. At one point, Mr. Treisman
- 11 referred to shooting homeless as, "taking out the trash," and
- 12 Adams noted that Treisman was extremely interested in mass
- 13 shootings.
- 14 | Q. Did he report that Mr. Treisman made some comment about
- 15 murders during the visit?
- 16 A. He did. Mr. Adams conveyed that while in Hollywood,
- 17 California during the trip, they were hiking on a trial to the
- 18 | Hollywood sign that overlooks the city. Mr. Treisman said,
- 19 30 percent of murders go unsolved. Mr. Adams was becoming more
- 20 uncomfortable and put off by Treisman.
- 21 He denied seeing any guns with Mr. Treisman on the
- 22 | trip, but then subsequent on a trip, Treisman told Mr. Adams
- 23 that he, Mr. Treisman, would have definitely done a school
- 24 shooting in Seattle if he would not have left the city.
- 25 Q. Did he discuss meeting with Mr. Treisman in April of 2020

in Fayetteville, North Carolina?

- 2 **A.** He did.
- 3 \mathbf{Q} . What did he report about that?
 - **A.** During the trip in April of 2020 near Fayetteville, North
- 5 Carolina, Mr. Adams recalled seeing three guns in the
- 6 possession of Mr. Treisman. He and Mr. Treisman fired the
- 7 three guns while at the firing range. Mr. Adams described the
- 8 guns as an AR style rifle, 223 caliber. An AR style with
- 9 clasps on the stock, and a 9mm handgun with Ruger magazines.
- 10 While Mr. Treisman was firing his weapons at the
- 11 range with Mr. Adams, he would call out the names of well-known
- 12 mass shooters, such as the Columbine shooters as he pulled the
- 13 trigger.
- 14 Q. Did he also show investigators a text message that he had
- 15 received from Mr. Treisman?
- 16 **A.** He did.
- 17 Q. And what was the subject of that text message about?
- 18 A. It was a text message received from Mr. Treisman utilizing
- 19 phone number 206-293-0658, same phone number we already
- 20 discussed, on May 25th, 2020. Treisman's message said, "Epic
- 21 school shooting," and described the message as something
- 22 typical that Treisman would say when talking about school
- 23 shootings in a positive manner.
- 24 Q. Was a search warrant then obtained for the Samsung S9 cell
- 25 phone, subsequently?

Yes.

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- Was it obtained by the FBI?
- 3 Yes. On June 3rd, 2020, the FBI obtained a search warrant for the Samsung S9 cell phone.
- For investigation of what crimes?
- 6 Initial search warrant for the device was for violation \parallel relative to Title 18, 924(b) which was receiving and Itransporting firearms and ammunition in interstate commerce with the intent to commit a felony, and Title 18 U.S.C.
- 922(a)(6), providing false information to a firearms dealer in the acquisition of a firearm.
- 12 And when that phone was searched, was the phone number we previously discussed determined to be the phone number
- 15 Yes, it was.

associated with that device?

- 16 Can you tell the Court what happened when the device was searched? 17
- So the agents in the FBI initially began their Yeah. \parallel search of the device for the materials as described, and upon doing the search, identified several potentially explicit sexual images appearing to be of minors, and requested myself as an agent from the Violent Crimes Against Children Squad, to 22 come and examine the images they came across. 23
- 24 Is that what you did? IIQ.
- 25 I did.

- Q. Can you give the Court an example of some of the images that you saw when reviewing the device?
- A. Sure. So upon my review, a few examples of images that I identified, one image appeared to be a nude female, appearing to be under the age of 12, with two hands grasped around what appeared to be an adult penis.

The second image I identified initially was a nude female appearing to be under the age of 14, providing a hand job to what appears to be an adult male penis.

The third image I initially identified was a female, appearing to be under the age of 14, nude from the waist down, shown digitally penetrating her own vaginal.

An image of a female vagina, appearing to be of a minor, with what appears to be an adult penis partially penetrating the vagina. The image is cropped in a way essentially to just show the vaginal area.

Image of two nude females, appearing to be under the age of 14, both in a sexually explicit pose, via a webcam. One of the female's vagina can be clearly viewed in the image.

- Q. Okay. Did you obtain another search warrant after discovering those images on the device?
- 22 **|| A.** I did.

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- 23 **Q.** And what did you obtain that search warrant for?
- A. The search warrant was to examine the Samsung S9 device for child pornography.

- 1 \blacksquare Q. And that would be in violation of 18 U.S Code
- 2 **|** 2252A(a)(5)(B)?
 - A. That's correct.
- $4 \, \mathbf{Q}$. And is that what you did?

pornography, which is what I did.

- 5 **A.** I did.
- 6 Q. And can you tell the Court about the search of the Samsung
- 7 device?

- A. The Samsung device, the focus of the search was primarily
 as we do in most child crimes cases, to review the images and
 the videos on the device, to identify all evidence of the child
- We utilize a review system to do so within our
 building due to the sensitivity and nature of the materials
 that we're looking at. I conducted that review of the Samsung
- 15 S9, identifying a large amount of additional videos and images
- 16 that I cataloged relevant to the violations of 2252A.
- 17 Q. Okay. Were there other computers, laptops or digital
- 18 media devices or cell phones that were seized from the van or
- 19 the Honda that Mr. Treisman was in possession of on May 28,
- 20 2020?
- 21 A. Yes, sir. In addition to the Samsung S9 phone initially,
- 22 there was an additional total of 15 extra devices, so 16 in
- 23 total, including the Samsung device.
- 24 Q. Was another search warrant obtained to search those
- 25 devices for child pornography?

 $1 \, \blacksquare \, \mathbf{A} .$ Yes, it was.

- **Q.** Was that search warrant issued?
- $3 \parallel A$. Yes, it was.
- $\mathbb{P}[Q]$. And did you or other members of the FBI conduct a search
- 5 of those devices for child pornography?
- 6 A. Yes, we did.
- 7 \mathbf{Q} . Can you tell the Court what each device in particular
- 8 child pornography was found on?
- 9 A. Sure. So of the total 16 devices, nine of the 16 devices
- 10 had identified, through review of the FBI, child pornography
- 11 images on them. I'll just list down the devices for the
- 12 record.
- 13 The first device would have been the Acer Aspire
- 14 | laptop. Bar code numbers are probably the easiest to provide
- 15 \parallel for a descriptor. E6405360.
- 16 The second item where I identified child pornography
- 17 was a Seagate 8 Barracuda two terabyte hard drive, serial
- 18 | number ZFL1DB0W.
- 19 The third was a Seagate Pipeline HD 500 gigabyte hard
- 20 drive, serial number 6BBNYW3T.
- 21 The fourth device was a silver Lenovo Idea 320
- 22 | laptop, just identified as bar code item E6405350.
- 23 The fifth item was a Scan Disk 128 gigabyte flash
- 24 drive, bar code E6405348.
- The sixth device was a Samsung S9 as described,

associated with 206-293-0658. 2 The seventh item was ZTE cell phone, 32C37446119A. 3 The eighth item was an HP laptop computer, serial number 5CD9294TKB. 4 5 The last item was a Seagate one terabyte hard drive, 6 serial number WDE9LNGH. 7 And each of those devices you just testified about, in the determination of FBI, contained child pornography? 9 A. Yes, sir. 10 Can you give the Court the definition of child pornography that is applied relevant to the statutes that were being 12 investigated? 13 Child pornography for the purposes of our investigation, we have to divide it into two primary categories in regards to 15 the definition of child pornography. 16 Is that what you would like me to speak to? 17 Yes. If you would. 18 For the purposes of categorization, we have a 19 characterization of child pornography S&M, which is defined as files that contain child pornography involving any of the 20 following, and I'll read them for the record. 22 Children included in the file ranging from prepubescent, which is zero to 12 years of age, to

postpubescent, 12 to 17 years of age, involving torture or

other acts falling in the definition of sadism and masochism,

also known as S&M.

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of age, to postpubescent, 12 to 17, having pain inflicted upon them to include self-induced bestiality, penetration, oral, vaginal, or anal of prepubescent children to include inanimate objects, urination or defecation upon, and sensory depravation of the eyes, ears or mouth or nose in the video or pictures are covered.

The secondary definition for categorization purposes of our files that contain child pornography of pre and postpubescent children, but do not otherwise fall into one of those other S&M categories.

- Q. Based on the evaluation of all of those devices that you testified about, can you give the Court an idea of how many videos or images were found involving child pornography S&M category?
- 17 A. There were approximately 637 videos and images found in regards to that category.
- 19 Q. With regard to the child pornography category?
- 20 A. There was approximately 1,248 videos and 6,721 images.
- 21 **Q.** Now did the numbers in the child pornography category 22 include the 637 from the S&M category, or are they separate?
- 23 **A.** Those are separate.
- Q. Could you give the Court just a few examples of the images that were found that involved prepubescent minor or a minor who

had not attained the age of 12 years of age?

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I have a couple of examples. I'll read them for Sure. the record. First example would be a photo file, JPG, which depicts a female, approximately 12 years of age, naked and lying on a bed. The female's arms are across her torso, tied together at the wrist. Belts are individually wrapped around the female's ankles.

A female is sitting on a cutting board with her legs spread apart, exposing her genitalia and an object inserted in the female's anus.

The second example depicts a female approximately five years of age. The female is naked, lying on her back with her legs spread apart. The female's arms are above her head \parallel and tied together at the wrist. An item was used as a blindfold, and a dog's head is in the area of the female's 16 | genitalia.

The third example, a female approximately five years old, lying on her back. The female's hands are above her head 19 | with the wrists tied together with a rope and an adult penis is orally penetrating the female.

The fourth example depicted a naked female, approximately four years of age. The female is on her hands and feet looking at the camera. The female is being penetrated in the anus by an adult penis.

The last example is a female, approximately five

- 1 years of age, naked and lying on her back on the floor. The
- 2 \parallel female's wrists are attached to clear restraints. The female
- 3 is blindfolded, and her legs are spread apart exposing her
- 4 genitalia.
- 5 \mathbf{Q} . Thank you. With regard to the Lenovo laptop, where was
- 6 that device originally seized from?
- 7 **A.** The Lenovo laptop was originally seized from the Honda
- 8 | vehicle.
- 9 Q. And that was the same vehicle that Mr. Treisman had
- 10 arrived at the Fifth Third Bank driving, correct?
- 11 **A.** That's correct.
- 12 Q. And where was the Samsung S9 cell phone when it was
- 13 seized?
- 14 A. Samsung S9 was on Mr. Treisman's person when he was taken
- 15 | into custody.
- 16 $\|Q$. Where were all of the other devices that you testified
- 17 about that contained child pornography seized?
- 18 A. They were seized from the van.
- 19 $\|Q$. I would like to ask you about evidence with regard to
- 20 Counts Two and Three of the superseding indictment that we've
- 21 referred to that involved transportation of child pornography.
- 22 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. With regard to Count Two, which device does that relate
- 24 to?
- 25 A. Count Two relates to the Samsung S9 device.

- 1 \mathbb{Q} . And was at some point a search warrant obtained by the FBI
- 2 \parallel for cell location data for the Samsung S9 cell phone?
 - A. Yes, sir.

- $\mathbb{P}[Q]$. Was that obtained from cell phone provider?
- 5 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- 6 Q. Can you tell the Court what those records show with regard
- 7 to the movements of that cell phone on or about May 26th and
- 8 May 27th, 2020?
- 9 A. The cell phone data that was collected identifies movement
- 10 amongst South Carolina and North Carolina by Mr. Treisman.
- 11 Originally down in South Carolina and traveling into the
- 12 Kannapolis area on May 27th of 2020.
- 13 Q. So those records show the cell phone in South Carolina on
- 14 \parallel May 26th, and then in Kannapolis, North Carolina, on May 27th?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Was any -- the examination of the cell phone, did it show
- 17 \parallel any pornography or child pornography that had been downloaded
- 18 on or after May 27th, 2020?
- 19 A. I'm not aware of any.
- 20 Q. With regard to Count Three, does that relate to the Lenovo
- 21 | laptop?
- 22 A. Yes, sir, it does.
- 23 Q. Can you tell the Court what that examination of the laptop
- 24 showed with regard to images of child pornography on May 28,
- 25 2020?

- 1 A. Yes. The Lenovo laptop which was in the possession of
- 2 Mr. Treisman, was shown to have, via connection to a hotel
- 3 \parallel internet that Mr. Treisman was staying at in South Carolina,
- 4 | logged into a Tor browser utilizing the hotel Wi-Fi and
- 5 downloaded child pornography.
- 6 Q. Okay. Was the FBI able to determine when the Tor browser
- 7 had been downloaded to the computer?
- 8 A. Yes, it was.
- 9 \mathbf{Q} . Do you know when that was?
- 10 A. My understanding, it was the night before May 27th.
- 11 Q. Okay. And was there any other internet connection shown
- 12 by evaluating the device after the connection to the hotel
- 13 internet in South Carolina?
- 14 A. Not that I know of.
- 15 Q. Following that connection, Mr. Treisman was then found in
- 16 possession of the laptop on May 28th in Kannapolis, North
- 17 Carolina. Correct?
- 18 A. Yes. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Did the FBI obtain any hotel receipts from his stay at the
- 20 hotel in South Carolina?
- 21 **A.** They did.
- 22 **Q.** What did those receipts show?
- 23 A. It showed two night stays, separate receipts. One in
- 24 \parallel South Carolina, May 26th to the 27th, and a separate receipt,
- 25 May 27th to May 28th.

And what guest information was listed on those receipts? 2 Alexander Theiss. A. 3 Do you know what address was used? Q. I don't think I have that information. A. Would looking at a copy of the receipts help you remember? 5 Q. 6 Yes, it would. 7 MR. PRINCIPE: May I approach the witness, Your 8 Honor? 9 THE COURT: You may. 10 THE WITNESS: I've looked at the receipt to refresh. The address listed on the receipt is Vine Street in 12 Kissimmee, Florida. 13 BY MR. PRINCIPE: Is that the same address that was used on the Florida 14 Drivers License under the alias Alexander Theiss? 16 **A.** Yes. 17 MR. PRINCIPE: If I could have one moment, Your 18 Honor. 19 THE COURT: All right. 20 MR. PRINCIPE: I have no additional questions for 21 Special Agent Seres. 22 THE COURT: All right. Cross-examination. 23 MR. RANDALL: Thank you, Your Honor. 24 CROSS-EXAMINATION 25

BY MR. RANDALL:

- 2 Q. Special Agent Seres, were you personally involved in the 3 search of any of the vehicles?
 - A. No, sir, I was not.
- 5 Q. Any information you have as to those searches, that came 6 from the Kannapolis Police Department?
- 7 **A.** Yes, sir.
- Q. During the search are you aware of any federal law enforcement officer being there, or was that just conducted by Kannapolis?
- 11 A. I'm not aware of any federal officers there, no.
- 12 **Q.** And prior to obtaining the federal search warrants for these devices, were you aware that the Kannapolis Police
- Department had obtained search warrants and had done a search
- 15 of these items?
- 16 A. I'm sorry, can you please repeat that?
- Q. Sure. Prior to you obtaining -- or the federal government obtaining a search warrant for these items, were you aware that
- 19 the Kannapolis Police Department had applied for and obtained
- 20 search warrants for these devices?
- 21 A. I'm aware they applied for a warrant. I don't know the exact timing of one versus the other that day.
- Q. Special Agent Seres, did you conduct the forensic evaluation of any of the electronic devices?
- 25 A. Can you explain, when you refer to your question as to

forensic examination --

- Q. Did you hookup any of the devices to Cellebrite or any other type of --
- A. No, sir.

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 $5 \parallel Q$. -- yourself.

6 That was done for you at the office?

- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. They are on Microsoft Way down in Charlotte?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- Q. And then you said that you had done some type of
- examination. What exactly was it that you did?
- 12 **A.** So the imagery and videos relative to a device are loaded onto a reviewing station for the special agent assigned to
- 14 investigate the review. I went through the images and videos
- one-by-one, as is required for me to catalog every image. So
- 16 went through one-by-one and gave a descriptor of each one.
- 17 Q. Prior to doing that, is there any type of software that
- 18 helps kind of sort down the images and classify them for you?
- 19 A. There is. There is some diagnostic run over the imagery.
- 20 I can't tell you in a technical term the way it operates, but
- 21 there are some known images of child pornography that the
- 22 system tries to check against.
- 23 **Q.** Are you aware, were there any known child pornography
- 24 images located on any of these devices?
- 25 A. I believe there were.

- 1 \mathbf{Q} . Do you know how many?
- 2 A. I can't speak to the number.
- 3 Q. Okay. And the search warrants, were those issued by the
- 4 Middle District or the Western District?
- 5 **A.** The search warrant for the Samsung device was issued by
- 6 the Western District of North Carolina.
- 7 \mathbf{Q} . And then for the other devices, it would have been the
- 8 Middle District?
- 9 A. Middle District of North Carolina, that's correct.
- 10 Q. Did you personally interview -- and I apologize, it is
- 11 difficult to speak through the mask. Did you personally
- 12 | interview Shawn Adams?
- 13 A. I did not.
- 14 Q. That was a field officer up where he was living?
- 15 A. St. Louis, Missouri area, that's correct.
- 16 $\|Q$. Is Shawn Adams, is that the same person as Gunter?
- 17 A. My understanding is it is a different person.
- 18 $\|Q$. Okay. Were you ever able to identify who this Gunter
- 19 person is?
- 20 A. I believe so.
- 21 0. Is Gunter their real name?
- 22 **A.** I believe Gunter is a handle for online use.
- 23 Q. Screen name or streamer name?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. As part of the case, I think you had mentioned Reddit

- 1 posts. There is also this Sub Rosa game. What is the Sub
- 2 Rosa?
- 3 A. Again, I'm a little aged on some of the tech today, but I will tell you my understanding is, it's an online gaming
- 5 platform similar to a first person type shooter that you may
- 6 play on an Xbox or Play Station, but through a computer.
 - Q. Have you actually gone and looked it up?
- 8 **A.** No.

- 9 Q. Fair enough. So some of the posts that you had spoken
- 10 about, the Reddit posts, one made reference to banning from a
- 11 Mine Craft server. What does that mean?
- 12 A. Layman's view on it, Mine Craft server, again, I believe
- 13 it is a video game type of platform that you can play via
- 14 computer or gaming system.
- 15 **Q**. Okay.
- 16 A. I apologize, I didn't write down the entire quote, but it
- was AlextheBodacious making comments using words I probably
- 18 \parallel never heard of about being banned from the Mine Craft server.
- 19 $\| \mathbf{o} \|$. And the other one -- when was that comment made?
- 20 A. Apologize. I'm going to try to reference my notes so I
- 21 can give you an accurate answer.
- 22 **Q.** Sure.
- 23 **A.** Which one are you specifically inquiring about?
- 24 Q. The one about being banned from the Mine Craft server.
- 25 A. I apologize. I shuffled my papers for one second.

- $1 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. I do that all the time. Take your time.
- 2 \blacksquare A. The comment was posted a year ago by the user
- 3 AlextheBodacious on Reddit.
- 4 Q. Okay. And then there was another comment that you had on
- 5 Reddit that you had talked about. When was that comment made?
- 6 A. That was a Reddit post in regards to the Sub Rosa in or
- 7 around the end of February 2020, by AlextheBodacious.
- 8 Q. So both are comments dealing with online video games, or
- 9 online video games are referenced in there?
- 10 A. A component of the comment is online gaming, yes.
- 11 Q. All right. And when interviewed, he had said that he made
- 12 these posts for shock value or shock factor, I think is what
- 13 you had said.
- 14 **A.** Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. And then you had mentioned something about a
- 16 streaming game platform. What is that?
- 17 A. My understanding, it is a similar online type platform for
- 18 either gaming or connectivity with others online.
- 19 \mathbf{Q} . Okay. Did Mr. Adams, when he was interviewed, did he
- 20 \parallel indicate how he knew Alex or how they had met?
- 21 A. He may have. I don't recall.
- 22 Q. And at some point, Alex flew Shawn out to California in
- 23 March of this year.
- 24 A. I believe that was my understanding, yes.
- 25 Q. Okay. And then again in April he flew him to

- 1∥Fayetteville, North Carolina.
 - A. Fayetteville, North Carolina, correct.
- Q. Between the March trip and the April trip, did Mr. Adams reach out to anyone and say, hey, I want to let you know about Alex, he's made vial, you know, allegations of what he may or
- 6 may not do?

- 7 A. I'm not aware of that.
- 8 Q. Okay. Did he indicate after the trip to California, that
- 9 he was concerned or put off or how would you describe his
- 10 feelings towards Alex at that time?
- 11 A. He described it as -- it is my understanding, as feeling
- 12 like he wanted to create some space because he was put off by
- 13 some of the commentary by Mr. Treisman.
- 14 \mathbf{Q} . But then he met him in Fayetteville a month later.
- 15 **A.** He did.
- 16 $\|Q$. And you had said that they went to the gun range to -- was
- 17 lit to practice or to just shoot firearms?
- 18 A. I call it practice in my profession, but just to shoot
- 19 firearms.
- 20 Q. Okay. How old is Mr. Adams?
- 21 A. I don't have his exact age. If I recall, approximately in
- 22 his 20's, but I would have to get the specific.
- 23 **Q.** And Alex is 20 -- 19?
- 24 | A. December -- approximately 19, 20 years old.
- 25 Q. And the Florida Drivers License, that would make him,

1 what, 24?

- 2 A. '95 to present, so approximately 24, 25, yes.
- 3 $\|Q$. Did any one speak with Alex's mother as part of your
- 4 | investigation?
- 5 A. I'm unaware.
- 6 Q. You're not aware. Okay.
- 7 A. We may have. I just don't recall.
 - **Q.** I understand that. At any point during your
- 9 investigation, were you made aware that Alex had been diagnosed
- 10 with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Asperger's?
- 11 A. I'm not aware.
- 12 Q. Have you ever had a case involving somebody with autism
- 13 spectrum disorder?
- 14 **A.** No, sir.
- 15 Q. And you're now in main justice up in DC; Washington, DC,
- 16 correct.

- 17 A. Washington, D.C. Correct.
- 18 Q. What are you doing up there now?
- 19 A. I'm an assistant inspector for the FBI's Inspection
- 20 Division.
- 21 THE COURT: Mr. Randall, if you could try a little
- 22 harder to keep your mask on when you are talking.
- 23 MR. RANDALL: Yes, sir. It is hard to breathe and
- 24 enunciate. I apologize.
- 25 | THE COURT: I understand that. Do you need a break

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right at this moment?
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             MR. RANDALL: If we could. Maybe five minutes or so.
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             THE COURT: We'll take a 15 minute recess.
             MR. RANDALL: Yes, sir.
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              (Recess taken.)
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             THE COURT: Mr. Randall.
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             MR. RANDALL: I have no further questions of this
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             THE COURT: You have no further questions of this
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             MR. RANDALL: No, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: You may be seated.
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             MR. PRINCIPE: Your Honor, the Government asks to
14 call one more witness.
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             Your Honor, the Government would next call Task Force
16 Officer Addison Friedman with the U.S. Marshals Service and the
17 Joint Terrorism Task Force.
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              (AGENT ADDISON FRIEDMAN, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS WAS
19 | SWORN.)
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                          DIRECT EXAMINATION
21 BY MR. PRINCIPE:
22 Q.
       Can you please state your full name.
23 A. Addison Russell Friedman.
24 Q. Who do you work for?
25 A.
       United States Marshal's Service.
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- 1 \mathbf{Q} . How long have you worked for the Marshal's Service?
- 2 **A.** Since 2011.
- 3 $\|Q$. Have you had any other positions in law enforcement?
 - A. I do. I'm a task force officer with the FBI Joint
- 5 Terrorism Task Force.
- 6 Q. Did you become involved in the investigation of the
- 7 | activities of the Defendant, Alexander Hillel Treisman?
- 8 **A.** I did.
- 9 Q. Can you explain to the Court how you and your agency first
- 10 became involved in that investigation?
- 11 **A.** Yes. As a task force officer for the FBI Joint Terrorism
- 12 Task Force, I received a call from a Kannapolis Police
- 13 \parallel Department lieutenant, stating that they had a vehicle in a
- 14 \blacksquare parking lot that had some items of concern.
- 15 **Q.** And those items of concern being?
- 16 | A. Material related to Islam, large amount of weapons, large
- 17 \parallel amount of cash. Drawings and things of that nature.
- 18 Q. Including Tannerite?
- 19 **A.** Including the Tannerite.
- 20 Q. Did you go to the scene of that location?
- 21 **A.** I did.
- 22 Q. Can you tell the Court what your involvement was?
- 23 A. Upon my initial arrival, I went to the bank. There was
- 24 \parallel not much to do at that time. They informed me that the
- 25 suspect, the Defendant, had been transported away from the

- scene and was being taken back to Kannapolis Police Department to be interviewed.
- Q. With regard to Mr. Treisman, at some point did you,
 through your investigation, determine his full legal name and
 date of birth?
- 6 **A.** I did.
- 7 \mathbf{Q} . Could you tell the Court what that is?
- 8 A. Alexander Hillel Treisman, date of birth 12/19/2000.
- 9 Q. Can you explain to the Court since that initial time when
- 10 you became involved -- the Joint Terrorism Task Force became
- 11 involved, has there been a lengthy ongoing investigation with
- 12 regard to his possession of the firearms and also his apparent
- 13 intention to commit some kind of act of violence or mass
- 14 | violence?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 Q. Can you give the Court some idea of the scope of that
- 17 | investigation?
- 18 A. May I clarify as to what extent you would like --
- 19 0. Sure. Have there been numerous search warrants that have
- 20 | been obtained?
- 21 A. Yes, sir. As well as other court orders.
- 22 Q. Okay. And what types of things have you pursued or sought
- 23 during the course of that investigation? What types of
- 24 information?
- 25 A. There has been search warrants for cell phones, an

- 1 apartment that the Defendant used to reside at in Long Beach,
- 2 California. Gmail account, and several other accounts
- 3 associated with the Defendant.
- 4 \mathbf{Q} . Was there a search warrant for cell location information
- 5 | for his Samsung S9 cell phone?
- 6 A. Yes, sir, I believe there was.
- 7 **Q.** Was there court orders to obtain records related to
- 8 various different social media or gaming platforms?
- 9 A. I believe so, yes, there was.
- 10 MR. PRINCIPE: May I approached the witness, Your
- 11 Honor?
- 12 | THE COURT: You may.
- 13 BY MR. PRINCIPE:
- 14 Q. (Inaudible due to shuffling papers.) Government's Exhibit
- 15 \parallel (inaudible) do you recognize what that exhibit is?
- 16 **A.** I do.
- 17 Q. Can you tell the Court what it is?
- 18 A. It is a slide deck that we put together that has some of
- 19 the information we've obtained during this investigation.
- 20 10. Does that information relate to Mr. Treisman and his
- 21 (inaudible.)
- 22 A. It does.
- 23 Q. I'm showing you what is marked as Government's Exhibit 2.
- 24 Do you recognize what that flash drive is?
- 25 **A.** I do.

- 1 0. What is the contents of that flash drive?
- 2 A. It references some of the material in Government's Exhibit
- 3 1, audio recordings.
 - **Q.** Does it include video and audio?
- $5 \parallel A$. It does.
- 6 Q. And how many files are on there?
- 7 A. I believe there should be four.
- $8 \, | \, \mathbf{Q}$. Four or five?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Can you tell the Court what those items are?
- 11 A. One of them is a jail call with the Defendant and his
- 12 mother.
- 13 A second is an audio recording described as Perfect
- 14 Porn.
- The third is a narration of the Defendant at O'Hare
- 16 Airport.
- 17 The fourth is a -- the Mandalay Bay incident.
- 18 $\|Q$. And was there also a video demonstrating the dangerousness
- 19 of Tannerite?
- 20 $\|\mathbf{A}\|$. There is.
- 21 **0.** So five?
- 22 A. Five, yes, sir.
- MR. PRINCIPE: Your Honor, the Government moves to
- 24 introduce Government's Exhibits 1 and 2 and then to publish
- 25 those items to the Court?

THE COURT: Any objection?

MR. RANDALL: Not as to Number 1. If I can have just

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For these purposes, no objection to Number 2.

THE COURT: They are admitted.

6 BY MR. PRINCIPE:

- 7 Q. I'm showing you slide number one. Can you tell the Court
- 8 what that slide shows?
- 9 A. Yes. These are images of the white van that was at the
- 10 bank, as well as the contents of the inside.
- 11 Q. And what were some of the contents inside the van?
- 12 A. Tannerite, cash, large amount of cash. Weapons, hand
- 13 drawings, books on explosives, books on Islam.
- 14 | Q. Were there drawings as well?
- 15 A. There were.
- 16 Q. And what were they of?
- 17 A. Planes crashing into buildings depicting September 11th.
- 18 \mathbf{Q} . And what is the box depicted in the middle photograph?
- 19 **A.** That is the image of the center console next to the driver
- 20 and the front passenger, with a box of 556 ammo.
- 21 0. Was that box full of ammunition?
- 22 A. I do not know.
- 23 **Q.** What does slide number two show?
- 24 A. These are weapons recovered from the van.
- 25 Q. And they have been described by the testimony of Special

- 1 | Agent Seres?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 **Q.** What does slide number three show?
- $\mathbb{P}[A]$. This is the image of the Honda Accord and how it pulled
- 5 into the number two lane of the tellers.
- 6 Q. Okay. And do you -- did your investigation determine
- 7 when Mr. Treisman obtained that vehicle?
- 8 **A.** It did.
- 9 **Q.** When was that?
- 10 A. The 26th, two days prior to the date of arrest.
- 11 **Q.** So in May of 2020?
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 Q. And do you know how and where he obtained that vehicle?
- 14 | A. What I know is Kannapolis, North Carolina, he met up with
- 15 \parallel another individual, and they brokered the deal at Kannapolis
- 16 PD.
- 17 Q. And slide number four, what does this show?
- 18 A. This is an image of a handgun in the center console area
- 19 beneath the radio in front of the shift, the shifter. And then
- 20 the middle one is the laundry basket or hamper and the one to
- 21 \parallel the far right is the gun that was taken out of that hamper.
- 22 Q. Slide number five, what does this slide show?
- 23 A. This is a depiction of the Florida Drivers License and the
- 24 Washington Drivers License, both with the Defendant's face on
- 25 them.

- 1 **||Q.** Okay. And what names are on those licenses?
- 2 \blacksquare A. Let me refer to confirm. Alexander Theiss, T-H-E-I-S-S.
- 3 \mathbf{Q} . Is that what is on both of those licenses?
 - A. Yes, sir, it is.
- 5 Q. And so those licenses have his picture, but do not have
- 6 his correct legal name.
- 7 **A.** Correct.
- 8 \mathbf{Q} . And did your investigation determine that either one of
- 9 those identifications were used to purchase firearms in the
- 10 United States?
- 11 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. Can you explain that to the Court?
- 13 A. Yes. Florida Drivers License was used to purchase the
- 14 Kel-Tec Sub 2000, received on 6/7 of 2018 in Washington State.
- 15 The Intratec 9mm Luger was purchased -- or, excuse
- 16 \parallel me, was received on 10/22/2018 in Washington, using the
- 17 | Washington Drivers License.
- 18 $\|Q$. And what is the email to the right-hand side?
- 19 A. That is an email from Florida DMV depicting the Florida
- 20 Drivers License being counterfeit.
- 21 Q. So they shared that information with you that they checked
- 22 and that it was a counterfeit license?
- 23 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 24 | Q. What does slide number six represent?
- 25 A. Number six is a note that was found on the Defendant's

- 1 \blacksquare Samsung S9. It is in the notes section, and it has text on it.
- 2 $\|Q$. Can you tell the Court what that note said?
- $3 \parallel A$. Yes. "That being said, the satisfaction of it justifies
- 4 anything else. I hate crikens normies and Karens so much, it
- 5 makes it worse to go through with it. So here is my plan. On
- 6 Christmas or black Friday, go to the mall food court with work
- 7 tunes (great base) a respirator (if tear gas is used) and a
- 8 weapon of choice. I like the AB10. It's concealable and comes
- 9 with a 30-rounder by default, though everyone chooses the AR
- 10 15. I'm not saying it is normie, just over used."
- 11 Q. With reference to a term like krankens, do you know what
- 12 is being referred to there?
- 13 A. Yes. It is an online gamer personality that we have
- 14 determined Alex, the Defendant, does not like, so based on
- 15 other statements that anybody he doesn't like, he refers to as
- 16 crikens.
- 17 Q. That's a term he kind of adopted based on your assessment
- 18 of the materials that you've looked at?
- 19 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 20 | Q. I'm showing you what is marked slide seven. Can you tell
- 21 \parallel the Court what this slide is demonstrating about your
- 22 | investigation?
- 23 **||A.** Yes. On January 14th, these are footage that the
- 24 Defendant accessed and it is depicting the New Zealand mosque
- 25 | shooting incident.

- Q. And can you tell the Court, what is the ChristChurch, New Zealand mosque shooting?
- A. In March of 2019, an individual went into the mosque in

 New Zealand and killed 51 people and injured 49. He actually

 went to a second mosque down the street, approximately 4-miles

 away, and was shooting at that one as well.
- 7 \mathbf{Q} . Why was there a video-recording of this incident?
- 8 A. The subject live-streamed it.
- 9 Q. Okay. And did that make this a very well-known mass shooting event?
- 11 **A.** It did.
- 12 Q. I'm showing you slide number eight. Can you explain to the Court the information on this slide?
- A. Yes. Downloaded on the Samsung S9, the search revealed that there were numerous searches for the mass shooting that I just spoke about in New Zealand, and we saw that there was a search accessed on the Cura platform as to the New Zealand massacre video. Shortly thereafter, the video was downloaded from the LiberalForum.org.
- Q. And so did he actually download the full video on March 21st, 2020?
- 22 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 23 **Q.** And what does slide nine demonstrate?
- 24 A. Slide nine are images from the video of the shooting.
- 25 Q. And that full-length video and these images from that

- 1 \parallel video was found on his Samsung S9 mobile phone.
- 2 $\|\mathbf{A}$. The video was. We took screen-shots of that.
- 3 Q. I'm showing you slide number ten. Can you explain to the 4 Court the information on this slide?
- A. Yes. This is a Reddit post under AlextheBodacious, dated
- 6 February 18th of 2020, and it states, "How do I dox Sub Rosa.
- 7 I keep dying and being called pedo and want to kill people in
- 8 real life. How can I find the addresses of those I hate and
- 9 execute them for their crimes?"
- 10 Q. And here the reference to pedo, what did you determine
- 11 | that to be?
- 12 **A.** The term pedophile.
- 13 Q. Do you have any evidence from your investigation, that
- 14 \parallel Mr. Treisman has tried to obtain information about people that
- 15 he dislikes online?
- 16 **|| A.** We do.
- 17 Q. Can you tell the Court about that?
- 18 A. In one of the devices was kind of a dossier and it had the
- 19 ∥name Ivory Soap, and in that, it had the identifiers of family
- 20 members of another individual.
- 21 Q. And do you know why he was -- may have been searching for
- 22 \parallel the identity of this person known as Ivory Soap?
- 23 A. I do not know.
- 24 | Q. Did you determine that that is a real person?
- 25 A. We did, yes, sir.

- 1 \mathbf{Q} . And where did that person live or reside potentially?
- 2 A. Yes, we did.
- 3 Q. And where was that?
 - A. Here currently in North Carolina, in the Fayetteville
- 5 area.
- 6 Q. And can you explain to the Court what it means to dox
- 7 someone? What is that slang for?
- 8 A. To dox someone, is a term to post somebody's private
- 9 information publicly with malice intent to shame them or maybe
- 10 cause harm, and it usually involves posting the true name,
- 11 address, and information of the like.
- 12 Q. I'm showing you slide number 11. Can you explain to the
- 13 Court the significance of this information?
- 14 A. Yes. On February 22nd, 2020, a video was uploaded to
- 15 YouTube titled The Trial of Flippy's Mapper. In this
- 16 screen-shot right here, specifically it is a screen-shot of a
- 17 Discord chat, and in it, in the text in the red, is what is
- 18 depicted to the right. Where it says Thanos Car associated
- 19 with Treisman posted that text.
- 20 | Q. So let me break this down. What exactly was posted on
- 21 YouTube?
- 22 A. The Trials of Flipper Mapper.
- 23 Q. And what is that?
- 24 A. It is a video outing the Defendant as a pedophile.
- 25 **Q.** Okay. And so, basically, Mr. Treisman was added as a

- 1 \parallel pedophile on February 22nd, 2020?
- 2 **A.** In that video, yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Okay. And then what is Discord?
 - A. Discord is a free software application for instant
- 5 messaging and voiceover IP communications commonly used by
- 6 people that play video games.
- 7 \mathbf{Q} . And there was a user name Thanos Car that posted something
- 8 on Discord.
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. And you determined that user name Thanos Car to be
- 11 associated with Mr. Treisman?
- 12 **A.** Yes. It was registered using the
- 13 | AlextheBodacious@gmail.com.
- 14 Q. And what did that account Thanos Car post?
- 15 A. "How to rape kids and post CP. Here we go. Doesn't that
- 16 sicken you Flippy Mappers, greasy cock running against a nine
- 17 year old's defenseless vagina. He thrust deep inside blowing
- 18 his load, getting her pregnant. What will my parents say, a
- 19 child pregnant. Hot."
- 20 Q. So here in this example, you believe Mr. Treisman, posting
- 21 as Thanos Car, that he was going to rape kids and post CP. Is
- 22 that right?
- 23 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 24 $\|\mathbf{Q}$. And did you determine that Flippy Mapper is a reference to
- 25 Mr. Treisman himself?

- 1 \blacksquare A. It is another online name that he uses.
- 2 Q. I'm showing you slide number 12. Can you explain what
- 3 this slide is about?
- 4 A. This was an audio recording found on the Samsung S9, and
- 5 \parallel it is an audio and this is a rough transcript. I know it is
- 6 hard to read of what is said in that video.
- $7 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. And is that video -- what device was that obtained from?
- 8 A. The Samsung S9.
- 9 $\|\mathbf{Q}$. And is that recording on Government's Exhibit No. 2?
- 10 **A.** Yes, it is.
- 11 0. Is it the file that is labeled Porn.M4A?
- 12 **A.** Yes, it is.
- 13 MR. PRINCIPE: Your Honor, permission to publish
- 14 | that.
- 15 THE COURT: All right.
- 16 (Audio recording was played.)
- 17 BY MR. PRINCIPE:
- 18 Q. I'm showing you slide 13. Can you tell the Court the
- 19 significance of this slide?
- 20 A. Yes. On April 8th, a comment was posted on iFunny, which
- 21 \parallel it reads, "I was going to do a Columbine for a while. I think
- 22 | it would be better put towards something more memorable," under
- 23 the name of AlextheBodacious.
- 24 Q. Was there some exchange about what type of thing might be
- 25 more memorable than doing a mass shooting to Mr. Treisman?

- 1 A. No, sir. Not that I'm aware.
- 2 Q. In another context, was there a statement made with regard
- 3 to the 2022 presidential election?
 - **A.** There was.
- $5 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. And doing something more memorable?
- 6 A. In that same chat, the Alexthebodacious states that he has
- $7 \parallel \text{to}$, Save Bernie, which we took to be Bernie Sanders.
- 8 Q. Why did you take that to be Bernie Sanders? Was there
- 9 something about the timing of that comment that made you
- 10 believe it was in reference to Bernie Sanders?
- 11 \blacksquare A. On April 8th, which is when this was taken, is the same
- 12 date that Bernie Sanders dropped out of the presidential race.
- 13 Q. So commenting about saving Bernie had to do -- or
- 14 coincided with the date that Bernie Sanders dropped out of the
- 15 presidential race?
- 16 A. That's what we believed it to be, yes.
- 17 | Q. I'm showing you slide 15. Can you explain to the Court
- 18 the significance of that?
- 19 A. This is another iFunny comment or post, and it is, "Should
- 20**∥**I kill Joe Biden?"
- 21 Q. And what account was that posted by?
- 22 **A.** AlextheBodacious.
- 23 Q. And what date?
- 24 **A**. 4/15 of this year, 2020.
- 25 Q. I'm showing you slide 16. Can you explain to the Court

- the significance of that content and how it relates to your investigation?
 - A. Yes. As a result of searching the devices, we saw numerous searches for, Where is Joe Biden, where is Joe Biden today. Joe Biden's house. DNC. Numerous searches for state gun laws, silencers and, again, Joe Biden's house over several months.
- 8 Q. Okay. Can you go through the list and tell the Court 9 exactly what you found?
- 10 A. Absolutely. On 3/10 is a search for, Where is Joe Biden.

 11 On 4/6 of this year, it was, Where is Joe Biden

12 today.

- On 4/15, it was previously mentioned iFunny meme,
 14 "Should I kill Joe Biden?"
- 4/17, searched Joe Biden's house.
- 16 427, searched DNC.
- 4/29, searched state-by-state gun laws and background checks required for private sales.
- 5/2, purchased -- this was not a search, this was
 what we know, that an AR 15 type weapon was purchased in New
 Hampshire.
- 22 Q. By Mr. Treisman?
- 23 A. By Mr. Treisman, yes.
- 24 **Q.** Okay.
- 25 A. On 5/3, a credit card purchases places the Defendant at a

Wendy's, 4-miles away from Joe Biden's house in Wilmington, 2 Delaware. 3 Search was peaceable journey laws, governing 4 transport of firearms over state lines. 5 On 5/5 was various rifle parts. 6 On 5/8 was silenter code. 7 On 5/13, searched numerous night vision goggle types and PPE, personal protection equipment. 8 9 And 5/13 as well, searched Joe Biden's house. 10 On 5/14, Joe Biden's house, where is Joe Biden, 1209 Barley Mill Road, which is Joe Biden's residence in Wilmington, 11 12 Delaware. 13 On 5/16, was a screen-shot we found off the Lenovo 14 laptop. 15 And 5/19, searched Joe Biden. 16 And earlier it was mentioned that there was a search warrant for cell location data for the Samsung S9 telephone. 18 lla. Yes. 19 llQ. Are you familiar with that data, generally speaking? 20 Generally, yes. A. 21 Does it corroborate that he did go up to Delaware or the phone was in Delaware at some point around the time that the 22 credit card transaction took place at the Wendy's? 23 24 Yes, sir. A. 25 Showing you slide 17. Can you explain the significance of 1 this slide?

- 2 A. Slide 17 is the screen-shot taken from the Lenovo laptop.
 3 In the bottom right-hand corner, it is dated 5/16 of this year.
- The screen-shot reads, "Fridge, field. Go out and see things you wouldn't see from Google maps. What kind of gate is there? How many cameras are in the drive? Routes.

 Instances. Think of every scenario. The letter D. Get everything set up. Execute."
- 9 Q. And this note corresponds with a lot of activity related to the searches about Joe Biden, correct?
- 11 A. We believe it does, because it falls on 5/16, and there
 12 was still additional searches in or around that time.
- Q. Can you explain to the Court the significance of the content on slide 18?
- A. A video was found on the Samsung S9. It is a video of
 Mandalay Bay, and the audio is a depiction of the Defendant
 screaming other things as well as Allah Akhar at the end.
- 18 Q. Was there a significant mass shooting event that occurred at that casino in Las Vegas?
- 20 A. It was the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival.
- 21 Q. Can you tell the Court a little bit more about that event?
- 22 **A.** During that festival in 2017, an individual opened fire on the attendees of that festival, killing 58 on scene and then some time later another person died, taking the total to 59,
- 25 and injuring over 500 people.

- Q. Okay. And during the course of your investigation and interviews, did you determine that this event had significance
- 3 to Mr. Treisman?
- A. Yes.
- $5 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. What did -- how did you determine that?
- 6 A. The interview with Shawn Adams, he opined that this was
- 7 Alex's favorite mass shooting, based on the total number of 8 casualties.
- 9 Q. Okay. And is the recording that you recovered from that device on Government's Exhibit 2?
- 11 **A.** It is.
- MR. PRINCIPE: Your Honor, may I have permission to publish that?
- 14 THE COURT: You may.
- 15 (Video was played.)
- 16 BY MR. PRINCIPE:
- 17 Q. Slide 19 basically has the same words as was spoken on
- 18 | that video?
- 19 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. Can you tell the Court about the significance of slide 20?
- 21 A. Slide 20, this was a video taken off the Samsung S9. It
- 22 is a video and audio recording, rather, depicting the O'Hare
- 23 Airport, a plane, and there is words to go with the video.
- 24 Q. Okay. Is that video also on Government's Exhibit No. 2?
- 25 **A**. It is.

1 MR. PRINCIPE: Your Honor, permission to publish 2 that. 3 THE COURT: You may. 4 (Video was played.) 5 BY MR. PRINCIPE: 6 In slide 24 this has the text of what was spoken on that video. Correct? 7 Yes, sir. 8 IIA. I'm showing you slide 22. Can you explain to the Court the significance of this information on this slide? Yes. Range 56 is a shooting range just outside Fort 11 12 Bragg, still on Fort Bragg property. The Defendant, along with 13 Shawn Adams, went there and they shot rifles, handguns. 14 The first image is a picture of who we believe to be 15 Shawn Adams shooting a gun. 16 The second image is the Defendant, again, at Range 56 17 on a different date, which we know to be May 10th. 18 The third image is a sign that is posted at the entrance of Range 56. 19 20 Fourth image is the standard sign around the military base, telling people what you cannot bring on to the property. 22 What are you not allowed to bring? 23 Drones, weapons. IA.

Did you inquire into the different ways of getting to that

range? Would you have to pass by this sign in order to get to

- 1 the range?
- 2 A. Yes, you would.
- Q. Did you explain -- there was prior testimony about what

 Shawn Adams described Mr. Treisman doing while firing guns at

 that range.
- 6 A. Yes. He was screaming the name of mass shooters while 7 pulling the trigger.
- Q. During the course of your investigation, did you find that there was another individual at Fort Bragg that Mr. Treisman was communicating with?
- 11 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. Can you explain to the Court a little bit about that information?
- A. Yes. That is a soldier stationed at Fort Bragg currently, who has had online communication and text communication with the Defendant.
- 17 **Q.** And why was that significant during the course of your investigation?
- A. The Defendant texted the individual, Joe white, telling
 him that he is coming out east at a later date. The Defendant
 texted Joe White saying, "I'm outside, outside the base," which
 caught him off-guard, because he didn't know that the Defendant
 was coming to meet him.
- Q. Was Joe White interviewed during the course of your investigation?

- 1 \blacksquare A. He was.
- 2 Q. Is Joe White his actual name?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- $4 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. Did Mr. White ever meet up with Treisman; to your
- 5 | knowledge?
- 6 A. Say that one more time. Sorry.
- 7 Q. Did Mr. White ever meet up with Mr. Treisman in
- 8 Fayetteville during Mr. Treisman's time in Fayetteville, to
- 9 your knowledge.
- 10 A. No, sir, he did not.
- 11 Q. Did Mr. Treisman try to get him to go to the range with
- 12 | him?
- 13 **|| A.** He did.
- 14 Q. Did Mr. Treisman ask him to bring anything with him?
- 15 $\| \mathbf{A} \|$ In the text message between the two, the Defendant and Joe
- 16 White, where they stated that they were going to go shooting,
- 17 \parallel the Defendant sends a text to Joe White saying, "Whatever you
- 18 \parallel can smuggle off the base."
- 19 Q. Did you interpret that to mean whatever firearms he might
- 20 be able to smuggle?
- 21 A. Firearms or anything that he could reasonably get off the
- 22 base.
- 23 Q. I'm showing you slide 23. Can you explain to the Court
- 24 the significance of this slide is?
- 25 A. This was an image that was sent to Shawn Adams by the

- Defendant on July 9th of 2019, with the caption of "Running won't do much good."
- 3 Q. I'm sorry, who sent that to whom?
- 4 A. The Defendant sent that to Shawn Adams on July 9th of 2019.
- 6 Q. Did you do any research into this image?
- 7 **A.** I did.
- 8 \mathbf{Q} . What did you determine?
- 9 A. This is a stock image that I was able to observe on
 10 Google. It was the third image that popped up without the
 11 animation drawing in the back with the gentleman holding the
 12 weapon saying, "Running won't do you much good."
- 13 Q. What did that suggest to you?
- 14 A. That it had been created.
- 15 Q. By Mr. Treisman?
- 16 A. By the Defendant, yes.
- 17 \mathbf{Q} . Can you explain to the Court the significance of slide 24?
- 18 A. Found on the Seagate Pipeline 500 gig hard drive was a
- 19 document entitled A Guide To Mass Shooting. In the hours that
- 20 we see leading up to the creation of that document, as far as
- 21 it is timestamped, there were searches and downloads for the
- 22 | font and the software used, the Apache Office One,
- 23 approximately two hours before.
- 24 Q. Okay. And what was the significance of that information
- 25 in your assessment?

- 1 A. That he was downloading it to author the document or 2 likely author the document.
- 3 Q. Did you search for anything online that may resemble the document that you found?
- 5 A. We searched and we have not been able to apparently locate anything.
 - Q. And what did that suggest to you?
- 8 A. That it was likely authored by the Defendant.
- 9 Q. I'm showing you slide 25. Can you explain what that
- 10 represents?

- 11 A. Yes. That was the first page, if you will, of the very
- 12 \blacksquare beginning of the document titled, The Guide To Mass Shooting.
- 13 Q. And it shows the contents of that document.
- 14 A. Breakdown by chapters, I guess, yes.
- 15 Q. Can you tell the Court what the chapters say and what the
- 16 | headings were?
- 17 A. Chapter one is labeled as reasonings. Under that it has motivations, materials.
- 19 Chapter two is preparation. Under that it has goals, 20 supplies, and maps, training and gear.
- 21 Chapter three says, showdown, and underneath that it 22 says, "show em and pro tips."
- Q. Tell the Court about the significance of the contents on slide 26.
- 25 A. This was found under, as you see, chapter one with a

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25 line.

- Q. Okay. Can you explain the significance of those references and the content?
- A. Yes. At the top under chapter one, reasonings, is a quote, "No one is born a killer. Society just shapes them that way, Arthur Fleck."

At the bottom of that on the same side, Arthur Fleck is the main character in the movie The Joker, which came out in 2019. That is about a man who becomes a mass killer and blames society for alienation as the cause.

- 11 **Q.** Okay. And what is the significance of highlighting on this right-hand side of that slide?
- A. On the right-hand side is the word krankens, which is the same word that we have seen used in other writings by the Defendant.
- 16 Q. What did that indicate to you?
- 17 A. That it was likely authored by the Defendant.
- 18 Q. I'm showing you slide 27. Can you tell the Court the significance of this slide?
- A. This is again still part of the same Guide To Mass
 Shooting. The highlighted portion, if you are reading this and
 have no interest in shooting but want to understand and stop
 them, then you must know the core issue is society itself. We
 also have highlighted, "just like in," and it goes to the next

- The language indicates that this was meant to be after the fact, that somebody would discover it.
- 3 Q. And what did that indicate to you that the purpose of this document was to be?
- 5 A. Some type of manifesto.
- 6 Q. For Mr. Treisman?
- 7 A. We believe so, yes.
- 8 Q. And what is the significance of not the yellow box with 9 the word, but the box above that?
- 10 **A.** I'm sorry, I'm --
- 11 Q. Well, there is a box in light yellow towards the bottom of
- 12 \parallel that slide. What is that information?
- 13 **A.** That is the information from the computer where it shows
- 14 the date it was created.
- 15 Q. Does it have a creator?
- 16 **A.** Yes.
- 17 Q. What does that say?
- 18 **A.** Alex T.
- 19 Q. What was the date of creation?
- 20 **A.** 1/1 of this year.
- 21 0. And that was metadata from the file found on
- 22 Mr. Treisman's device?
- 23 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 24 $\|\mathbf{Q}$. I'm showing you slide 29. Can you tell the Court the
- 25 \parallel significance of that slide?

- 1 A. Yes. While in custody at the Cabarrus County Jail, jail staff did a search of his cell and during that they found
- Q. Did you inquire with the jail in terms of their regular policies and procedures for conducting searches of inmate

several documents, these two in particular.

6 cells?

- 7 **A.** I did.
- 8 Q. Can you tell the Court a little bit about what you found 9 out about that?
- A. Yes. I spoke to one of the sergeants, and they informed me that this is a routine thing that the jail does. They break it up by pods, and it is done so by the end of the month they have searched every inch of the jail.
- 14 Q. What is the significance of information that was found in
- 15 Mr. Treisman's jail cell?
- 16 A. On the image specifically to the left, it depicts somebody
 17 hitting somebody else with a bat. There is an arrow that
- 18 points saying, Me, to the subject or the individual with the
- 19 bat, which has nails or what appears to be nails in it. So the
- 20 right side of that image is a dog with the name Sasha pointed
- 21 to it.
- 22 \mathbf{Q} . What is significant about that?
- 23 **A.** We know the Defendant has a dog named Sasha.
- 24 \mathbf{Q} . How do you know that?
- 25 A. That dog was in the Honda the day that the Defendant was

1 arrested.

- Q. And what is the text above that?
- 3 \blacksquare A. "Whoever the fuck calls the cops on a parked car."
 - \mathbf{Q} . What did you interpret that to be in reference to?
- 5 **A.** The bank staff that called the police.
- 6 Q. So essentially, a drawing of Mr. Treisman attacking the
- 7 bank teller or whoever from the bank called the cops on him
- 8 because of the van?
- $9 \, || \mathbf{A}$. Yes, sir. That's what we believe.
- 10 Q. What does it say on the left-hand side of that envelope?
- 11 A. The far left?
- 12 **Q.** Yes.
- 13 A. Tannerite being used.
- 14 **Q.** Okay.
- 15 Slide 30, can you tell the Court what that is an
- 16 | image of.
- 17 A. Yes. That is, again, from the search of the cell. It is
- 18 a blown-up version of one part of the document. On the
- 19 | left-hand side, it has an individual, what appears to be
- 20 striking somebody with a bat, again, with a nail through the
- 21 bat with the word "Me," and an arrow pointing to it.
- 22 To the right, again, is the depiction of a dog with
- 23 the word Sasha and an arrow pointing towards it. The person
- 24 with the bat is saying, "Whoever the fuck calls the cops on a
- 25 car in the parking lot."

- 1 **Q.** Okay.
- 2 **A.** What is on the right-hand side or bottom corner of that
- 3 page there is what appears to be somebody behind a rifle with
- 4 the arrow saying, "Not me," and to the right of that is a
- 5 circular similar to a scope on a rifle with crosshairs, and a
- 6 person in those crosshairs with an arrow stating, "State
- 7 prosecutor."
- 8 Q. Does Mr. Treisman have pending state charges related to
- 9 pornography charges?
- 10 A. Yes, sir, he does.
- 11 Q. Those are currently pending in North Carolina?
- 12 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Going back to slide 29 for a second, above the image we
- 14 \parallel just looked at in the mid to lower part of the right-hand side
- 15 \parallel of that page, was there a telephone number listed there?
- 16 $\|\mathbf{A}\|$. There was.
- 17 Q. Did you determine whose telephone number that is?
- 18 A. It was an inmate at the jail.
- 19 Q. Is that inmate still in custody?
- 20 A. To our knowledge, no, sir.
- 21 Q. Who did you determine that inmate to be?
- 22 **A.** It was an inmate with the last name of Klutz.
- 23 Q. I'm showing you slide 31. Can you tell the Court what
- 24 this information is?
- 25 A. A search again was done of the Defendant's cell and

- 1 numerous documents were taken out and in that, what they said
- 2 \parallel was an autobiography. This is just an excerpt from that. I
- 3 had -- would you like me to read it?
- 4 **Q.** Yes.
- 5 A. "I had decided instead of doing a mass shooting, I would
- 6 move," and I cannot read that last word of that sentence.
- 7 **Q.** Okay.
- 8 I'm showing you slide 32. Can you tell the Court 9 what the significance of this information is?
- 10 A. Yes. Found on the hard -- on one of the hard drives, was
- 11 the image on the left of what appears to be a Polish passport,
- and then the image on the right is the stock photo that we were
- 13 able to take from Open Source.
- 14 Q. So you were able to find the image on the right through an
- 15 internet search?
- 16 A. Correct. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. And then you found the same apparent image that had been
- 18 modified on one of Mr. Treisman's devices?
- 19 **| A.** Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. Can you tell the Court what were the changes that were
- 21 apparent on the image found on Mr. Treisman's device?
- 22 **||A.** The three facial photos that appear on the document are
- 23 \parallel different, as well as the date of birth. The date of birth on
- 24 the passport with the Defendant's face, is March 29th, 1993.
- 25 Q. And what does that date of birth match?

- 1 A. It does not match the other date of birth that was on the
- 2 Florida Drivers License.
- 3 Q. Okay. And those were photos that changes were to include
- 4 photos of his face. Is that right?
- 5**||A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. I'm showing you slide 33. What is the significance of
- 7 | that?
- 8 A. This is the Defendant's U.S. passport.
- 9 Q. Where was that located?
- 10 A. His apartment in Long Beach, California.
- 11 Q. Was that seized as part of your investigation?
- 12 A. Yes, sir, it was.
- 13 Q. Did you determine that that is a validly issued passport
- 14 | for Mr. Treisman?
- 15 A. Yes, sir, we did.
- 16 $\|Q$. What else did you find when you seized that passport?
- 17 A. That this was a duplicate. It was a replacement for a
- 18 lost passport.
- 19 Q. Do you know the whereabouts of that lost passport?
- 20 A. We do not.
- 21 Q. It was just reported lost?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. And did you find out anything about the -- how many
- 24 \parallel passports has Mr. Treisman ever been issued by the U.S.
- 25 Government?

- 1 **|| A.** Four.
- 2 \mathbf{Q} . Do you know the whereabouts of the passport that he had
- 3 prior to getting this replacement?
- $4 \, \blacksquare \mathbf{A}$. We do not.
- $5 \, | \, \mathbf{Q}$. Do you know what the expiration date would have been for
- 6 that prior passport?
- 7 | A. Yes, sir, we do. It would have been March 16th of 2021.
- $8 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. So that expiration date would be in the future from
- 9 today's date. Correct?
- 10 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. And we don't know where the whereabouts of that document
- 12 | is.
- 13 \blacksquare A. No, we do not.
- 14 Q. I'm showing you slide 34. Can you tell me the
- 15 significance of this?
- 16 A. Yes, sir. This is a snippet of the transcription of a
- 17 | jail call that the Defendant had with his mother, Kimberly
- 18 Treisman, and it has highlighted text on there.
- 19 $\|Q$. Is that recording on Government's Exhibit No. 2?
- 20 **|| A.** Yes, sir.
- 21 MR. PRINCIPE: Your Honor, permission to publish a
- 22 short excerpt of that recording.
- 23 THE COURT: You may.
- 24 (Audio was played.)
- 25 MR. PRINCIPE: Your Honor, I'm going to move it to

the six minutes and 30 second mark.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. PRINCIPE: 6:27 mark, Your Honor.

I have to move it earlier, Your Honor, to about six minutes.

(Audio was played.)

BY MR. PRINCIPE:

- 8 Q. I'm stopping that at 6:53 seconds. There was reference by 9 the female speaking in terms of jumping bail.
- 10 **A.** Yes, sir.

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- 11 Q. Did you determine who the female on the recording was?
- 12 A. Yes, we did. The Defendant's mother, Kimberly Treisman.
- 13 Q. Has she applied for third-party -- do you know who the
- 14 third-party custodian was being proffered for Mr. Treisman?
- 15 **A.** I do not.
- 16 Q. I'm showing you slide 35. Can you explain to the Court
- 17 the significance of this information?
- 18 A. Yes. This was -- it is a screen capture from the Samsung
- 19 \parallel S9 with the account of AlextheBodacious@gmail.com. It is from
- 20 \blacksquare Alexthebodacious@gmail.com, and it is very small on my paper,
- 21 but it appears to be addressed to info@langlais.com. An Open
- 22 Source search revealed that was a Canadian immigration law
- 23 firm.
- 24 Q. What was the content of the email in reference to?
- 25 A. It reads as, "About a month ago I asked Jocelyn Cane for

- 1 information as to how one acquires nationality. I was born in
- 2 \parallel Seattle, Washington, U.S. But my parents never filed a birth
- 3 certificate for me. They planned to move to Canada and I was
- 4 around six, we moved to Montreal, though without a birth
- 5 certificate, I never had a passport or any form of ID. I have
- 6 lived here my whole adult life, but still have no citizenship."
- 7 \mathbf{Q} . Is the information represented in that email consistent
- 8 with Mr. Treisman? Is there any inaccuracies in that
- 9 information as far as your investigation has revealed?
- 10 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Can you explain that to the Court?
- 12 A. We know that the Defendant was born not in Seattle,
- 13 Washington, but Santa Fe, New Mexico. And to our knowledge,
- 14 the parents have never lived in Canada. His mother currently
- 15 resides in Illinois.
- 16 $\|Q$. And what about his father, is he deceased?
- 17 A. His father is deceased, yes.
- 18 Q. I'm showing you slide 36. Can you explain to the Court
- 19 the significance of these two images?
- 20 | A. Yes. In the van, the white van, these documents were
- 21 | found. It is a lease for an apartment in Canada.
- 22 Q. Okay. And what was the name on the lease documents and
- 23 the power bill?
- 24 A. Alex Theiss.
- 25 Q. And that's the alias for Mr. Treisman?

- 1 \blacksquare A. Yes, sir, it is.
- 2 \mathbf{Q} . So was this valid lease documents as far as you know?
- 3 A. As far as we know, yes.
- $4 \parallel Q$. What was the time frame that he had a lease for an
- 5 | apartment in Montreal, Canada?
- 6 A. If I remember correctly, it was December of 2017 to
- 7 November of 2018, and the image to the right is the
- 8 corresponding power bill from one of those months.
- 9 Q. And Mr. Treisman is 19, going on 20 now in 2020. Correct?
- 10 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. So this would have been several years earlier when he
- 12 would have been 16 or 17?
- 13 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. Did your investigation reveal the identity of who Gunter
- 15 | was?
- 16 **A.** Yes, it did.
- 17 Q. Who was Gunter?
- 18 A. Shawn Adams.
- 19 Q. Did your investigation reveal any information with regards
- 20 \parallel to why Shawn Adams continued to interact with Mr. Treisman,
- 21 \parallel even after having reservations about his character when they
- 22 spent time together in Los Angeles?
- 23 A. Shawn Adams was put off by the Defendant, but was still
- 24 wanting to keep in touch with him, and Alex, the Defendant --
- 25 excuse me, was paying for trips for Shawn.

Was Mr. Treisman also providing him money sometimes as 2 needed? 3 Yes, sir. 4 MR. PRINCIPE: Your Honor, I have no additional 5 questions for this witness. 6 THE COURT: Let me ask one question before your 7 cross-examination. I believe you testified about the items that were found in the van. I think you mentioned a large sum of money. 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. THE COURT: I guess somebody counted the money. Do 11 12 you know how much money there was? 13 THE WITNESS: I was told by KPD, Kannapolis Police 14 Department, that it was roughly \$509,000. 15 MR. RANDALL: I do have one follow-up question. BY MR. PRINCIPE: 16 Do you know what originally happened with that money? 17 18 The police department seized -- held it for some time, and then I know it was turned over to his attorney. 19 20 Okay. Thank you. 21 THE COURT: Cross-examination. 22 MR. RANDALL: Thank you. 23 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RANDALL: 25 And that was lawfully acquired funds that Alex had.

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. He had gone to the bank, I guess in California, and
- 3 withdrawn 500,000 and some dollars in cash.
 - A. Yes, sir.
- $5 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. Okay. I think in the van they found a receipt for that
- 6 withdrawal.
- 7 A. Yes, sir. I believe they did.
- 8 $\|\mathbf{Q}$. Did anybody ask him why he withdrew half a million dollars
- 9 in cash?
- 10 A. Not that I recall at this time, no, sir.
- 11 Q. Okay. He had some other strange things in the van, didn't
- 12 he? He had a bag of white powder. Do you recall seeing that?
- 13 **A.** No, sir, I don't.
- 14 Q. Did you review the short form inventory from the
- 15 Kannapolis folks when they searched the van?
- 16 A. I did. It has been some time.
- 17 \mathbf{Q} . Were you there when they searched the van?
- 18 **| A.** I was not.
- 19 \mathbf{Q} . Are you aware of any of the officers that searched the
- 20 van, whether or not they had body-cams?
- 21 A. I do not know.
- 22 Q. Okay. But you haven't reviewed anything like that.
- 23 **A.** In regards to the van?
- 24 Q. Correct. The initial search of the van.
- 25 **A.** Could you clarify that question, please?

- 1 Q. Sure. Are you aware of any existence of any body-camera
- 2 video of any of the officers that initially searched the van?
- 3 **A.** No, sir, I'm not.
- 4 Q. How old is Mr. Adams?
- 5 A. I do not know his current age or date of birth.
- 6 \mathbf{Q} . Okay. Did you personally interview him or was that
- 7 somebody from your field office?
- 8 A. That was somebody from the FBI field office.
- 9 Q. And so Shawn Adams, I guess his gamer name is Gunter?
- 10 A. Yes, sir. It is also Gunter the penguin, shortened
- 11 sometimes for Gunter.
- 12 Q. Gunter the penguin. And what online game or games does he
- 13 use that call sign, I guess?
- 14 A. The only one that I'm aware that he played was Sub Rosa.
- 15 Q. Are you familiar with this Sub Rosa game?
- 16 **A.** No, sir.
- 17 Q. Have you done any investigation into what it is?
- 18 A. Outside of a first person shooter game, no, sir, I have
- 19 | not.
- 20 Q. Have you gone to a website to view and see what the game
- 21 lis?
- 22 A. No, sir, I have not.
- 23 Q. Would it surprise you if it was described as a game kind
- 24 of between Call of Duty and Mine Craft?
- 25 A. I'm actually not aware. I'm unaware of what Mine Craft

- 1 \parallel is. I know what Call of Duty is.
 - Q. Not a problem. Not a problem.
- 3 The slide, I guess in your presentation that is
- 4 number 32 entitled Fake Passport, those are --
- JA. Yes, sir.

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- 6 Q. Where was this located?
- 7 **A.** The one with the Defendant's photo on it?
- 8 Q. Right.
- 9 A. I do not recall which hard drive. It was just on one of
- 10 the hard drives.
- 11 **Q.** Do you know when it was created?
- 12 **A.** I do not.
- 13 \mathbf{Q} . The slide number 22, the gun range, is that open to the
- 14 public?
- 15 || A. To my understanding, no.
- 16 **Q.** Okay. Have you spoken with anybody from Fort Bragg?
- 17 A. We have spoken to one of the Army CID officers, but he
- 18 does not control the range.
- 19 Q. Has anybody tried to determine whether or not it is open
- 20 to the public?
- 21 A. No, sir. I have not personally done that.
- 22 Q. You said the first picture on there that is Gunter or
- 23 | Shawn?
- 24 A. Shawn Adams. That's who we believe it is, yes, sir.
- 25 Q. Was he shown that picture to see if that's him, or are you

- 1 guys just assuming that is him?
- 2 A. It was an image taken off the phone, so that's why we
- 3 believe it to be Shawn Adams.
- 4 Q. So the drivers license, the Florida License and the
- 5 Washington State License, they are both fake IDs?
- 6 A. Apparently. I confirmed the Florida Drivers License, and
- $7 \parallel$ a search through FBI -- I'm not sure which division that is,
- 8 but Washington State ran that and they were not able to find
- 9 anything on file.
- 10 Q. Okay. And the name or the last name is different and the
- 11 birth date makes him over 21.
- 12 **A.** For which ID?
- 13 Q. I think for both. Right. They both make him older than
- 14 21?
- 15 A. From today's date, yeah.
- 16 Q. I mean, if that was his birthday, he presented that like
- 17 \parallel at a bar, they would say, you are over 21, you can come on in
- 18 and have a cocktail.
- 19 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 20 | Q. Has anyone that you know of spoken with Alex's mother?
- 21 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 22 **Q.** When did they do that?
- 23 A. It would have been the night on the 28th, the date of his
- 24 arrest, I believe.
- 25 Q. Okay. And during that conversation, did she let anyone

- 1 know that Alex had been diagnosed with Asperger's, otherwise
- 2 known as ASD?
- 3 \blacksquare A. Without seeing the report, I can't recall exactly. I know
- 4 she had mentioned at one time that she believed there was some
- 5 type of Asperger's.
- 6 Q. So has any one made you aware that when he was 12 years
- 7 old, he was diagnosed with Asperger's?
- 8 **A.** No, sir.
- 9 Q. You never seen that report?
- 10 **A.** No, sir.
- 11 Q. Are you familiar with Asperger's?
- 12 A. No, sir, I am not.
- 13 Q. Are you familiar with any type of mental health
- 14 deficiencies?
- 15 **A.** No, sir.
- 16 $\|Q$. Under the Joint Terrorism Task Force, do you all have a
- 17∥terrorist profiler psychologist that you see on TV?
- 18 A. The FBI has the behavior analysis unit.
- 19 $\|Q$. There you go. Were they involved in this case?
- 20 A. Yes, they were.
- 21 Q. Was anybody on that part of the investigation made aware
- 22 that Alex has Asperger's?
- 23 A. To the extent that the mother had claimed it but we didn't
- 24 have any documentation, that's the only thing we've been able
- 25 to relay.

- 1 Q. Has anybody tried to get any documentation related to his
- 2 ∥Asperger's Disease?
- 3 A. No, sir. Not that I'm aware of.
- $4 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. Do you think that might be an important thing in your
- 5 analysis of him?
- 6 A. No, sir, because I don't make those analyses like that.
- 7 Q. Okay. So if he had high functioning Autism Spectrum
- 8 Disorder -- well, strike that.
- 9 So we talked about the iFunny memes or whatever.
- 10 \parallel What is a meme? I think it is slide number 15.
- 11 A. I do not know the definition of what an actual meme is.
- 12 Q. Did you look at this iFunny account with the
- 13 | AlextheBodacious?
- 14 A. Yes, sir, we did.
- 15 Q. Okay. Do you know how many posts he had?
- 16 A. It was several posts.
- 17 $\| \mathbf{Q} \|$ He had like 7,500. Would that be about right?
- 18 A. Without knowing the true -- I don't know the true number.
- 19 I know it was several. It was several.
- 20 | Q. The Flippy Mapper YouTube Channel, have you looked at
- 21 | that?
- 22 A. Yes. I have, yes, sir.
- 23 Q. Have you actually watched any of the videos?
- 24 A. Yes, sir, I have.
- 25 \mathbf{Q} . Do you agree with me that he is talking about playing

- 1 video games and kind of talking smack?
- 2 $\|A$. Yes, sir. On some of the videos, yes, sir, they are.
- 3 Q. Okay. And does he kind of give a guide to people on how 4 to play the game in some of the videos?
- $5 \, \| {f A}$. Yes, sir. Some of the videos, he does.
- $6 \parallel Q$. Okay. I want to say that on one of your slides -- well,
- 7 what is slide 14? I couldn't see it in the little printout.
- 8 A. Sorry about that.
 - Q. That's okay.
- 10 A. It is an exchange on Telegram from an individual to the
- 11 Defendant, and the blue writing, the last thing says "You're
- 12 | iFunny." In the green text it says -- the response is
- 13 AlextheBodacious.
- 14 Q. So that just identified Alex, as AlextheBodacious. What
- 15 is significance of that?
- 16 | A. It shows the, I guess, the relation of somebody asking
- 17 \parallel what his iFunny name or account name is with response of
- 18 AlextheBodacious.
- 19 $\|Q$. Okay. So then on what is that, slide 13, you talk about a
- 20 comment made April the 8th. Is that this year, last year?
- 21 A. It was this year.
- 22 Q. Okay. Did that pop up on any type of Joint Terrorism Task
- 23 | Force computer alert like, oh, my, God somebody is talking
- 24 about doing Columbine shootings or anything?
- 25 A. No, sir, not that I'm aware.

- 1 Q. I only ask, you know, you see this stuff on TV. Prior to
- 2 \blacksquare May the 28th, did you guys even know who Alex was?
- 3 A. Personally, I did not know who Alex was before May 28th.
- $4 \parallel \mathbf{Q}$. Okay. During the investigation, was there any reports or
- 5 anything that came up, watch list about Alex?
- 6 A. Regarding --
- 7 **Q.** Being this mass shooter terrorist wanting to be a Canadian
- 8 citizen.
- 9 \blacksquare A. No, sir. Not that I'm aware of.
- 10 Q. Okay. Has anyone determined whether or not Alex lived in
- 11 | Canada?
- 12 **A.** The best we've been able to determine is just what was on
- 13 that lease and the corresponding power bill.
- 14 Q. Okay. And then where would he have moved from there, to
- 15 Washington State?
- 16 A. I do not know, sir.
- 17 **Q.** Okay. During your investigation, have you all been able
- 18 to determine where it is that he's lived?
- 19 A. He's lived in several locations that we know. One of them
- 20 | being in Seattle; Seattle, Washington. Another one in Long
- 21 Beach. And then some hotels, as best we can tell from
- 22 receipts.
- 23 Q. Okay. So Washington State was before Long Beach?
- 24 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. And then in Long Beach, that's where he withdrew the

- 1 money, right, California?
- 2**|| A.** Yes, it was.
- 3 Q. Okay. And he hit the open road in his van?
- 4 **|| A.** Sorry.
- 5 Q. Then he kind of hit the open road in the van.
- 6 A. Yes, sir. Best we can tell.
- 7 \mathbf{Q} . The best your investigation has been able to determine.
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. He's gone to a bunch of different states.
- 10 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Ride around with his dog Sasha.
- 12 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Picking up guns here and there in different states.
- 14 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 15 **Q**. With over \$500,000 in cash.
- 16 **|| A.** Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. Okay. And this is the only arrest that he's had, was in
- 18 Kannapolis.
- 19 A. To my knowledge, yes, sir.
- 20 | Q. To the best of your knowledge, he hasn't committed any
- 21 acts of violence.
- 22 **A.** Not that I am aware of at this time, no, sir.
- 23 Q. It seems as though he likes guns.
- 24 A. I believe so.
- 25 Q. Isn't one of his Flippy Mapper videos actually him

- 1 shooting firearms with somebody?
- 2 \mathbf{A} . There was one, yes, sir.
- Q. Kind of like going across the country, here is what is going on, stopping off and shooting guns with whoever, I forget the person's name.
- 6 A. There was a video, yes, sir.

7 MR. RANDALL: If I can have just a moment, Your 8 Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right.

- 10 BY MR. RANDALL:
- 11 Q. Mr. White from Fort Bragg, he is like a private or something.
- 13 A. I was never in the military, so I believe he is a private.
- 14 Q. An enlisted person. Did he indicate how he had met Alex?
- 15 A. I don't have the report in front of me. I want to say they met online playing the games.
- 17 Q. Playing the games. Okay.
- Did Mr. White have any opinion as to Alex? Shawn thought I'll kinds of things about Alex. Did Mr. White make any opinions?
- 21 A. He did, yes, sir.
- 22 **Q.** What were his opinions?
- 23 **A.** During our interview of Mr. White, he stated that the
- 24 \parallel encounter of the Defendant showing up unannounced, basically
- 25 trying to get him off the base, Mr. White said he thought that

- 1 Alex was coming to kill him.
- 2 **Q**. Okay.
- 3 Did he report that to anybody prior to you all going
- 4 ∥out to interview him?
- 5 A. No, sir. Not that I am aware of.
- 6 Q. During the investigation, did he send any online chats
- 7 between Mr. White and Alex?
- 8 A. I know there has been text messages. As far as online
- 9 chats, I do not recall any at this time.
- 10 Q. Okay. Are you aware if Alex has any other friends other
- 11 than these people he's met online?
- 12 **A.** I do not know.
- 13 Q. And you said he had a book on Islam. What was the book on
- 14 Islam that was in his car that caused the Kannapolis Police to
- 15 ∥ call you guys?
- 16 A. I never actually held the book or opened it, so I'm not
- 17 | sure.
- 18 Q. Well, you don't remember the title?
- 19 A. I believe the title was, What Is Islam, if I remember
- 20 correctly.
- 21 0. Like a school textbook or like an --
- 22 A. I'm not sure, sir.
- 23 Q. Some of the other Flippy Mapper YouTube videos are hand
- 24 animated little stick figure figures. Have you watched those?
- 25 A. I have seen some of those, yes, sir.

- Q. Similar to the drawing we saw on the other exhibits that appeared like the stuff from the jail cell.
- 3 A. I'm not sure which one you are referring to, sir.
- 4 Q. The little stick figure with the person and the bat and the dog and all of that. Were those drawings similar to the ones that he had put online?
- 7 A. No, sir. Not that I have seen.
- 8 MR. RANDALL: Thank you, sir. I don't have any 9 further questions.
- 10 THE COURT: Redirect.
- 11 MR. PRINCIPE: No additional questions -- one yes,
 12 Your Honor.

13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. PRINCIPE:

- Q. Was Mr. Treisman himself asked about an Asperger's diagnosis or any mental health conditions at any point?
- 17 A. Yes, sir, he was.
- 18 \mathbf{Q} . When was he asked about it and what did he have to say
- 19 about it?
- 20 **A.** During the interview with myself and another FBI agent on
- 21 the 29th of this year of May, he said he did not have anything,
- 22 any diagnosis.
- 23 **Q.** Okay.
- MR. PRINCIPE: That's it, Your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: Redirect, recross?

1 MR. RANDALL: No, Your Honor. 2 THE COURT: You may step down. 3 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. THE COURT: Any other witnesses for the Government? 4 5 MR. PRINCIPE: No, Your Honor. 6 THE COURT: Witnesses or evidence for the Defendant? 7 MR. RANDALL: If I may have just one moment. 8 May we have a break for about five minutes or so? 9 THE COURT: We'll take a ten minute recess. 10 (Recess was taken.) THE COURT: All right, Mr. Randall. 11 12 MR. RANDALL: As far as a formal presentation, the Defense is not going to make one. We would have a proffer as to a facility in which Mr. Treisman -- or we're hoping to get \parallel him into. If I may defer to Ms. Cobb, she can tell the Court a little bit about that. 16 17 MS. COBB: MS. COBB. Thank you, Your Honor. actually been looking at several facilities, but the one that I have kind of the most information on and the one that actually 19 does have a bed available for him is called Alpha Human 21 Resources. It is located about a half-hour south of Minneapolis. 22 23 It is a -- I guess a facility where it is considered minimum security for the purposes of Minneapolis or Minnesota Department of Corrections. It is not necessarily barbed wires

or anything, but they have half-hour head checks, 24 hours a day, manned 24 hours a day with staff. Its resources are geared towards men with charges either pretrial or people just needing continuing treatment for sex offenses and sexual issues.

They have the ability to not only do evaluations to determine what some -- what issues someone might have, but also have the resources to formally treat someone. They've got a 90 day evaluation, as well as, you know, people stay up to a year and a half. In speaking with them, you know, as I said, they do have a bed available now.

Logistics would be just to be working it out, if Your Honor would consider some sort of custody release to their care or another facility, if Your Honor is willing to have him go to Minneapolis to allow him pretrial placement pending the trial in this matter.

THE COURT: Is this a presumption case?

MS. COBB: No, your Honor.

MR. PRINCIPE: I believe it is, Your Honor. I've seen both sides. In the Western District they don't treat it as such. I've seen other cases that do treat it as such.

I think technically it is a crime of violence under the statute, though.

Your Honor, if I may, I would like to point the Court's attention to 18 U.S.C. 3142(e)(3)(E), Your Honor, which

it discusses an offense involving a minor victim under section -- and it lists multiple different sections, but it is including 2252(a)(1), which is the transportation of child 3 pornography, and it includes -- the testimony clearly includes evidence of a minor victim, but the statute, it just lists the statute itself. 6 7 We also have direct evidence that there was minor victims, prepubescent minors involved in that content. So I 8 think it falls under the presumption because of that subsection, Your Honor. 10 11 THE COURT: Did you want to argue further? 12 MR. RANDALL: That would be our showing, would be the 13 proffer. 14 THE COURT: All right. 15 MR. RANDALL: I'm more than happy to argue our 16 position, if Your Honor would like. 17 THE COURT: It is totally up to you. 18 MR. RANDALL: Yes, Your Honor. If it is a presumption case, I would argue to Your Honor that the proffer about the Alpha House placement in Minneapolis would rebut 20 21 that. 22 I would suggest to the Court that there are 23 conditions or accommodations of conditions which would reasonably assure Alex's appearance in court and reasonably assure the safety to anyone in the community.

Placement at the Alpha House, it is -- I believe it is certified by the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

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MS. COBB: And it is a minimum security facility.

MR. RANDALL: There is house arrest, reporting to the probation office in that district. Restrictions on use of cell phones, computers. Any other types of sex offender conditions that this Court would impose upon him. Mental health assessment, recommended treatment with that.

We believe that the Court can fashion accommodations and conditions that would achieve those goals.

MS. COBB: If I may, Your Honor, just briefly. speaking with Alpha House, they did report that they had a relationship in working with probation offices in the Minneapolis area. So essentially working with law enforcement to make sure that whoever is required to, within that facility 16 is coordinating with their appropriate supervisory agencies, and one of the conditions of staying there is you are not allowed to leave the facility. There are no furloughs. There lare no day trips. It is on-site, 24-hour supervision, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I think I heard the Government offer the pretrial services report, but do you all have any objection to any part of or portion of that document?

MR. RANDALL: I didn't see anything that was objectionable in there, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. All right. Thank you. I'll hear from you, Government.

MR. PRINCIPE: Thank you, Your Honor. We would ask for this Court to detain him not only because there is presumption of detention here that has, in my opinion clearly not been rebutted, but as Your Honor saw through the lengthy testimony, the exhibits, the items recovered from his various devices, his conduct, the reported interviews of numerous people who know him, this gentleman, Mr. Treisman, is young, but he is intelligent. He is independent. He's capable. He's deceitful. He's uses false identifications. He's traveled internationally. He signed leases under a false identity in another country.

He has access to the hundreds of thousands of dollars through inheritance that he took out in cash, and it is unclear if that's the full inheritance that he had, full access of his assets, whether he still has access to some of that money or not, or whether his mother or some other family member might afford him access to cash.

His own mother on that jail recording was encouraging him to jump bail.

There is videos of him talking about flying planes into buildings and how you can do it. He's not only talked about mass shootings, mass violence, assassination of a presidential candidate a month before an election, he traveled

to within 4-miles of Joe Biden's residence in Delaware.

He's been talking about doing a mass shooting or school shooting for a lengthy period of time. Mr. White was concerned that when he showed up unexpectedly, he might be there to take out some kind of revenge against him.

All of this started around the time that he was added as a pedophile. And then he started this journey where he basically, you know, whatever limited roots he had, and why was he even in Southern California for just a few weeks, to get a California Drivers License. Why does he have multiple drivers licenses from multiple states?

I think there is a huge and clear flight risk. I think he could up out of that facility in Minneapolis, if that's where you were to send him, and he could disappear and he could go to another country. Might never see him again.

Might never stand trial for the child pornography crimes that, I believe, it is extremely strong that he committed.

In addition to that, there is a clear danger not only to the general public because of his proclivity, fantasy, and fascination with mass shootings and mass violence and assassination and terrorism, but there is also specific threats to identifiable individuals related to the case; the State prosecutor who is prosecuting his State child pornography charges. You have the threats against the bank employees who reported the van that started this whole thing. You also have

other individuals who have given statements to law enforcement now that he's aware of, people that he may have already had some beef with because of him being outed as a pedophile.

There is numerous people that could be in danger if he is released.

Your Honor, he has access to firearms. He knows how to get them. He knows how to use them and he's expressed multiple times over that he fantasizes, desires to commit an act of mass violence.

I think the risk of danger is extraordinary. I think the risk of flight is extraordinary, and on top of this is a presumption that he should be detained.

I think if you needed anything above and beyond all this, there is his Perfect Porn, his own personal fantasy and, you know, based on his child pornography, that he has the desire or sexual interest in this content, in this material, and then you have the recording of what in his mind is his perfect fantasy, the perfect pornography, and it involves two random parents driving down the road with a child in their car, killing them with a shotgun, taking a child and then raping them with some claw-type rapper claw device.

What if he decides that with the charges that he's facing, that the potential punishment he is facing, this is his last chance to commit such an act himself, whether it be an act of violence against a child in a sexual assault, or whether it

be an act of violence or assassination against some person in our society and in our country.

I think the risks are way too high, and that the Court should deny any conditions of release.

Thank you.

THE COURT: Anything further from the defense?

MR. RANDALL: Not at this time, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you. I have listened carefully to the evidence, the testimony of the two agents that testified on behalf of the Government, reviewed the pretrial services report.

I have considered the nature and circumstances of the offense charged, which is very serious. The weight of the evidence against the Defendant, which is very strong. The history and characteristics of the Defendant. I have considered the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the Defendant's release, and concerns of danger to the community and concerns about whether the Defendant will appear in court.

I've also heard arguments by counsel. I've considered the proffer of the Alpha House in Minneapolis as being a suitable place for him to be released to, and after considering arguments of counsel, I find that the record establishes by clear and convincing evidence, which established that no combination of available release conditions would

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